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Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Feb. 15.

The Mexican Legation received to-day the following dispatch from the Mexican Consul at New-Orleans:

"MEJIA leaves SONORA as a substitute, and will reach Vera Cruz this month. The impression with the Legation is, that this will be a decisive conflict."

The Secretary of War will to-morrow report to Congress, in answer to a resolution, the number of officers now in use in the Army, as follows: 4,660 cavalry and artillery horses; 2,575 horses in the Quartermaster's Department; 23,136 mules; 45 camels, and 126 oxen.

The Administration has just received information of an independent government formed by the citizens of Carson's, Jack's and Eagle Valleys, and of Gold Cañon and Truckee Meadows. Their Courts have been organized, and have been found to work well. A large population is pouring into these valleys.

In the vote on the Oregon bill in the House on Saturday Mr. CRAWFORD had paired off with Mr. HERMAN, of Pennsylvania. This accounts for the non-appearance of his name among those who voted in favor of the bill.

(FROM THE SECOND EDITION OF THE ALBANY PRESS.)

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Feb. 15.

The President, in reply to a resolution of the House, communicated a message to-day, inclosing a report from the Attorney-General, who says that the local officers of the Government in Savannah have been carefully and strictly examined to perform the duties devolved on them by the several acts of Congress, for the suppression of the Slave trade; that special counsel has been employed to aid the District-Attorney in prosecuting the offenders; that the advices received satisfactorily show the diligence and activity of all persons engaged in the public service to find the negroes who were imported clandestinely, to identify the parties engaged in the crime, and ascertain other important facts connected with the transaction. All this has been attended to with many difficulties, but there is good reason to hope they will be overcome and justice according to the law of the land executed upon the offenders. But the present condition of affairs is such as to make it absolutely important that the proceedings already instituted or those in contemplation should be given in detail without very great prejudice to the public interest.

It appears from an official document that the cost of the cities of the Navy-yards at Portsmouth, Boston, New-York, Philadelphia, Washington, Norfolk, Mare Island, Ware Island, Beckett's Harbor, Pensacola, and the amount expended in improvements thereon, to the 1st of December, 1858, as far as can be ascertained, was $20,227,000.

The Secretary of the Interior has asked Congress for an appropriation of $20,000 for taking the census of Kansas, with a view to its admission into the Union, in accordance with the recommendation of the President in his annual message.

The aggregate number of passengers arrived in the United States from foreign countries by sea from the 30th of September, 1848, to the 1st of December, 1858, is 2,602,000, of which nearly two and a half millions were males.

Our Washington Correspondence.

FORTHCOMING REPORT OF THE SHERMAN INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE—STARTLING DEVELOPMENTS EXPECTED.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Feb. 14, 1859.

On Wednesday we expect the report of the Sherman Investigating Committee. Its developments cannot fail to make a grand stir in Congress and out of it, for they will expose a general system of corruption such as the country little dreams of. Some of the testimony is well understood to reflect severely upon high officers of the Administration. Other portions of it squint awkwardly towards members of Congress and subordinates in Government employ. Some must come of the exposures, for the Administration Party will not dare make an effort at apology. We shall probably witness another panic in Congress equal to that which followed the TEXAS assaults upon corruption just about two years ago.

But Congress has not half done its work. If the House would look in upon itself, it might find enough to do—and abundant opportunity to make examples calculated to deter Congressional ill-doers in the future. It is still true that men who have just claims against Congress are constantly compelled to pay bribes for success to hangers-on of members of Congress, and sometimes to a member himself. I know it is difficult to impress upon the public mind due faith in such statements, and still more so to prove the guilt of a member who steeps his hand in corruption. The criminal avails himself of a thousand expedients to cover up his own traces, or so commit the witnesses of his rascality as to make it almost impossible to procure evidence. Sometimes, however, they fail in their arrangements; or, emboldened by success, they become reckless in their career, and thus draw attention to their crimes. These are serious dangers; but it will be remembered that your correspondent two years ago did not fail to expose the corruption of Congress when his prestige of corruption were dead.

A case in point is whispered about the capital, which richly deserves public exposure and reprobation. It involves the charge that a member of the House Committee on Accounts, in at least one case, made a bargain to receive money from a claimant as a consideration for getting his claim allowed by the Committee, and that he subsequently demanded the price for which he had thus sold himself. I have made careful inquiry as to the facts of the case, and am well satisfied of their truth. Substantially they are as follows:

A young who had supplied sundry articles for the use of the House of Representatives, presented his bill to the Committee on Accounts during the last session, to be "passed" and certified by them, in order that he might get his money from the Contingent Fund, through the Clerk, Mr. ADAMS. The bill, as he usually the case, was referred by the Committee to one of their number to report upon. The claimant states that he was compelled to agree to give this member of the Committee a portion of the claim, in order to get him to act upon it, and I am greatly mistaken if there is not strong corroborative evidence of the truth of his declaration. He says further that the Committee cut down the bill considerably, passing it for the reduced sum, notwithstanding which the member already referred to demanded several hundred dollars for his services, which the claimant declined and failed to give.

Applying at the Clerk's office for the amount that the Committee had allowed, the claimant was put off until after Congress adjourned, upon the pretext that there was no appropriation out of which the bill could be paid. This continued until some time during the recess, when the claimant or a friend who had an interest in the bill, declared his conviction that the money was withheld because of the refusal to accede to the corrupt demand made by the member of the Committee on Accounts, and threatened to expose the entire transaction. This demonstration appears to have removed the difficulty growing out of lack of appropriation to pay the bill!

Mr. ADAMS, Chief Clerk under Mr. ADAMS, now at Boston, sent an adroit letter to the claimant, indicating that he should consider it his duty not to pay him so long as his charges of improper conduct were pending! This letter accompanied copies of others, which the claimant and his friend were requested to sign, absolving everybody from any suspicion of improper conduct. Copies of these letters were signed by the parties in question, who declare that they were induced to sign them because they saw that they could not get their much-needed cash in any other way, and also because they were assured that, if they would hush the matter up, the Committee on Accounts would reconsider their original bill at this session, and allow them the difference between it and the reduced sum which had been ordered to be paid. Of course that promise has not been kept.

I repeat, I am well satisfied that these facts can be substantiated by responsible witnesses. The men who, in their anxiety to obtain what they believed to be their just due, were betrayed first into yielding to a highwayman's demand, and subsequently into signing certificates of character for the implicated party or parties, are trustworthy, and if brought upon the stand, under oath, will not hesitate—I am satisfied—to tell the whole truth if rigidly examined. There is other evidence also, as before suggested, to corroborate them. It remains for the House to say whether or not it will test the accuracy of these statements, and either set them at rest or purge the body of an unworthy member if they prove true. An earnest, well-selected Committee might dispose of the entire case within three days.

There are some other matters that would bear examination, if time permits. Mr. CLERK, the former Clerk, has been much abused for alleged extravagant purchases made by him during his term. The present Clerk of the House has recently made his report of contingent expenses, from which it appears that he has expended upwards of $70,000 for furniture, at prices certified by some witnesses to be much higher than those paid by his predecessor. Among the items of his account, I understand, is one of upwards of $9,000 for mirrors alone; and another of $514 for brushes and combs! That last item assuredly suggests no compliment to the honorable members of the body. It is also charged that, under some pretext or another, the Clerk managed to accept the highest bid offered for furnishing five hundred tons of coal for the use of the House—to wit, $8 40 to $8 75—while responsible parties offered to supply it at $4 85 only. I have heard it stated, on the authority of a member of the Committee on Accounts, that not one of the bills for furniture, &c., amounting to $70,000, above referred to, ever were laid before the Committee; and the presumption is that they were all passed, on his own responsibility, by the member whose corrupt bargain I have already noticed.

A memorial of CHRISTIAN HANSEN was presented in the House recently, praying the establishment of a line of mail steamers between New-York and St. Petersburg twice a month, to run through a ship-canal about to be constructed from Gluckstadt, at the mouth of the Elbe, to Kiel, on the Baltic; thus connecting the Baltic and the North Seas, which, at this point, are stated to be only about fifty miles apart. Of course nothing will be done in regard to any such line at present, and I only refer to the memorial in order to call attention to this ship-canal enterprise, of which I do not remember to have heard anything heretofore. The memorialist states that the proposition to construct this work originated with himself; that the country through which it is to pass is level, and unobstructed by rock; that the River Rhys, which rises near Kiel and empties into the Elbe, may, by being deepened, be made use of, and form the canal for a portion of the distance; that the the canal would save vessels bound to the ports of the Baltic from the necessity of passing through the Sound, and around by Cattegatt, Elsineur and the islands of Denmark, a distance of more than a thousand miles, a voyage which all experienced mariners know to be tedious, dangerous and difficult.

It is further claimed, that by this ship-canal navigation to the Baltic would be open some weeks later in Autumn than by the dangerous voyage around Denmark. Mr. H. states that the proposition to construct the work has been submitted to the Governments of England, France, Russia, Prussia and Belgium, by each of whom it has been approved. He expresses the opinion that the work will be completed in the course of three years. I do not understand that the memorialist asks any aid from the Government of the United States, except compensation for mail service.

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XXXVth Congress---Second Session.

SENATE....WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Feb. 15.

Prayer was offered by Father BOYLE, a Catholic priest. Not a Senator was in his seat at the opening hour, save one, who retired into the lobby during the prayer.

The Vice-President rapped with his mallet, and remarked that he could not call the vacant desks to come to order, so he would await the arrival of the Senators.

At 11¼ o'clock the Senators had dropped in, and the journal was read.

Mr. BENEDICT offered a resolution that there be evening sessions on Wednesday and Friday to discuss the Cuba bill. Laid over.

The Vice-President submitted Mr. WEBNER's report on the Indian war in Washington and Oregon.

The House bill, modifying the pay of Army-officers, was taken up and amended. It provoked much discussion, chiefly between Messrs. PUGH and DAVIS.

Mr. PUGH offered an amendment that the act of February, 1857, be repealed, and the pay of all officers of the Army be that prescribed by the laws formerly in force.

Mr. TOOMBS supported this view. Army officers receive much more pay, proportionately, than the same amount of talent does in any other walk of life. Estimated at the purchase-price of commissions in the British Army, a Lieutenant's place, fresh from West Point, would be worth $50,000.

Mr. PUGH's amendment was lost, 14 against 41, and the bill, with a slight amendment, was passed.

Mr. WILSON introduced a bill to regulate the mileage of Senators and Representatives. It gives 15 cents per mile for distances under 1,000 miles; 20 cents for distances between 1,000 and 2,500 miles, and 25 cents for distances over 2,500 miles—the distances to be computed by the nearest mail route. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. CLAY gave notice that he would, to-morrow, call up the Old Soldiers bill from the House and have a test vote on it.

Mr. CRITTENDEN then took the floor, on the Cuba bill.

Mr. CRITTENDEN commenced by admitting the importance and desirability of Cuba, the residence and resting-place of Columbus. He also admitted the President's constitutional right to negotiate for it without legislation; nay more, if the President succeeds in acquiring it by honorable means, there are few who would not hail the acquisition; but he (CRITTENDEN) did not regard his success as certain; on the contrary, no time can be more inopportune. When the Message was promulgated, what echo was returned from all Spain, indeed from all Europe, and even from the downtrodden Province of Cuba. Spanish pride was touched. The Cubans refused to be bought and sold. We have the authority of the Spanish Government that, not only is Spain not conciliated by our manner of approaching her, but considers it as an insult. Would the President have written that Message had he known it would be so considered? Mr. MARCY to Mr. SOULE, in 1853, says it was not expedient then to offer to purchase the Island, and how much stronger were the circumstances now? If the President, in the face of the Spanish declaration, makes the offer, how can he avoid the imputation of premeditated insult? God speed him, however, in his negotiation, and save us from those probable complications and wars of which this same Cuba may be the cause. Diplomacy, instead of now pressing the obnoxious offer, should rather leave it open, and seek to renew it in some one of the thousand events that occur in the fate of nations. Suppose Spain were to sell—suppose England and France, who propose a tripartite treaty, were to permit her to sell the Island she holds as trustee, where are we to get the money? We have been obliged to go in debt for our household expenses. We have raised one loan for market money and another is wanted. The Treasury emits a funeral sound when we knock for money, for none is there. He did not mean to say the country cannot produce any amount of men and money, but it is more convenient to do so at one time than another. Is it convenient now to have fastened on us and our children a ten million per annum interest on a two hundred million loan for the purchase of Cuba? Mr. CRITTENDEN here made a digression to speak of Central America and other weak States. Once it was the policy, he said, of the American Government to maintain a friendly feeling with all the nations of the continent. He remembered when the American name was loved—when it was dear to the struggling Republics—when the declarations of encouragement that had been spoken by the voice of HENRY CLAY were read at the head of their armies. How have we lost all this? Read the Message, and there you will see that we are at variance with Mexico, Costa Rica and Guatemala, and that we are buried in difficulties from the Feejee Islands to the Spanish throne. Do all these specks of war augur well to the revenue?—yet a bill is now pending to place the military and naval forces in the hands of the President, apart and above the action of Congress. Has any one the constitutional power to make war, except Congress? No; but you can hold a threat over the heads of these small States, make them tremble, and settle any claim whenever it shall appear good to the President to do it. Mr. CRITTENDEN did not think it worthy the magnanimous character of our country to hunt out the weak and let the strong go free. If that bill should pass can we expect to be at peace, when we have even now to renew our geographical knowledge to know where the places are with which we have difficulties? He referred, in illustration, to the Paraguay expedition, the greatest Armada that ever left our shores, saying it was to fight LOPEZ, a Paraguay Chief, who in power and ability was not equal to JOHN ROSS, the Cherokee Chief. He then referred to the proposed seizure of the somewhat populous States of Sonora and Chihuahua, to defend the frontier of the wilderness poetically called Arizona. The bill was most unwise. It was to enable the President to make little wars with little people. He then viewed the Ostend manifesto, and its implied hint, if Spain will not sell, we will take. The President supports his demands for $20,000,000 by the example of JAYNESON, but the cases are not parallel. Before the treaty is assented to by Congress, and even if Congress never consent, the President can draw the money and take its safe keeping into his own hands. The President himself may be above suspicion, but the constitution does not entrust him with one dollar. The hands of the Executive should be pure and unsolled by money. He should be unsuspected, and not even exposed to the inescapable suspicion of money dealing. Further, it is unconstitutional because it augments the President's power and destroys the balance between the States.

Mr. SUMNER and Mr. DAVIS here interposed, saying that this money is no more under the control of the President than is an ordinary appropriation for foreign intercourse.

Mr. CRITTENDEN resumed—If we had Cuba and had paid two hundred millions for it, he would say to her, we have rescued you from European tyranny, and have saved you from being a bulwark against us in the hands of any European power—establish a free and independent Government of your own under our protection—it will be better for you, and we believe for us. He did not want to see our Anglo-Saxon race mingled with people who do not understand or appreciate our institutions, and he did not think that our country's greatness was to be achieved by adding acre to acre, but by filling it with arts and industry. He believed that this whole scheme of policy would burst like a bubble. The bill is a mere piece of fanfaronade. It is a part of the fireworks now set at large to give a different complexion and hue to the rather darkened features of the Administration Party.

Mr. HALE followed on the same side. He said it had been erroneously assumed by the Committee, and all the speakers on the Administration side, that the acquisition of Cuba is of geographical and political necessity. The doctrine of political necessity had been in all times the plea of tyrants. Geographical necessity is less intelligible, and the law of gravitation was cited to check out. Why did that law of political gravitation effect only the possessions of feeble States, and not those of Great Britain, for instance? Cuba, he admitted, was a convenient island, but to seize it for that reason is the doctrine of the highway, of might over right.

Mr. HALE here read extracts from JEFFERSON, ADAMS, CLAY, EVERETT and others, relied on to prove the necessity of its acquisition, to show that their opinions were qualified by contingencies of committees report. He says there are but three alternatives for Cuba; first, for a foreign power to have it, which we won't permit; second, independence, which is impossible; third, to become ours, which is inevitable. These are curious alternatives, the first cannot be permitted, the second is impossible and the third inevitable. He thought that in the present condition of the Treasury it was useless to expend thirty millions to bring about an inevitable result. The report says, let Great Britain, France and Russia pursue this course of annexation in the East, we will look on with indifference and claim the same privilege on this Continent; this reminded him of a Latin line, "*hanc etiam domusque potimus.*" He would construe it thus: Damusque we will let have England, France, Russia, their right, etc., potimus—when we go robbing on our own account—when this beautiful island, which under the force of political gravitation, is approaching us so that we have hardly virtue to keep her off, we ask they will look on, "if not with favor, at least with indifference." Further the Committee illustrate by the trope of a ripe apple ready to drop from the tree, which suggests the idea of knocking it from the bough to accelerate that inevitable result. Mr. HALE then went into a discussion of the Slave-trade, and said that if there were no higher destiny for the human race than to make them sugar planters Mr. BENJAMIN was right and emancipation was a failure. But he read from numerous extracts from official documents to show that emancipated negroes were increasing in social developements. He also argued that the acquisition of Cuba would not stop the African Slave-trade. He was not at all sparing of sarcasm on the Democratic Party, and concluded by saying that the scheme was a gigantic appeal to national avarice and lust of power. When history shall come to compare how the United States and Spain have kept their treaty stipulations towards each other it will be seen we have nothing to pride ourselves on. Moreover, although believing in the freedom of religious belief or unbelief to the fullest extent, he could not wish to see a whole people come into the Union whose religious faith is so constituted as to be adverse to its best interests. He was convinced a Republic can best and only be maintained on the principles of Protestant Liberty. He concluded by expressing the opinion that Cuba is not a ripe apple, but like the apple of the pest that brought death into the world and all its woes.

Mr. BENJAMIN replied to some of the points in the remarks of Mr. CRITTENDEN and Mr. HALE. He considered this rather the age of abuse of weakness than the abuse of power, and defended the Paraguay and all similar expeditions having for their object the protection of our citizens.

Mr. CRITTENDEN reviewed the points in Mr. BENJAMIN's reply.

Mr. THOMPSON, of Kentucky, obtained the floor, and the Senate then at a late hour adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Feb. 15.

Mr. GROVER, member of the House from Oregon was qualified, and took his seat.

Mr. GEORGE TAYLOR reported a preamble, setting forth that JOHN CASSIN, of Philadelphia, having been duly summoned, has refused to appear and give testimony before the Select Committee to investigate the accounts of Mr. SEAMAN, late Superintendent of Public Printing, concluding with a resolution that the Speaker be directed to issue his warrant to the Sergeant-at-Arms to arrest the said CASSIN wherever he is to be found, and bring him forthwith before the bar of the House, to answer for contempt of its authority. The resolution was passed.

Mr. CRAWFORD, of Georgia, asked, but failed to obtain consent, to introduce a bill to repeal all laws passed since the 1st of July, 1856, which increase the salaries of public officers, and the salaries to be paid in conformity to the laws previous to that time. The act now proposed, to be continued in force until the annual receipts from the duties received under the law of March 3, 1847, shall be equal to the amount annually appropriated by Congress and no longer.

Mr. DOWDELL, of Alabama, ineffectually sought to introduce a resolution calling on the President to furnish information showing the amount expended on account of the recaptured Africans, and how far the Republic of Liberia was interested in these expenditures, the cost of maintaining the African Squadron, the number of deaths of officers and men connected therewith, and the number of Africans restored, etc.

The House went into Committee on the Senate's amendments to the Indian Appropriation bill.

Mr. STANTON, of Ohio, said that Mr. GARRETT, yesterday, contrasted the expenditures under Mr. FILLMORE's Whig Administration with those under Mr. BUCHANAN's during the year, greatly to the prejudice of the present Administration. He had congratulated himself that he had at last found a genuine and sincere apostle of retrenchment and reform. But the gentleman from Virginia in his next breath endeavored to throw the responsibility of the largely increased expenditures on the minority, with the assistance of a few on the Democratic side. Under those circumstances the idea of his carrying away the sins of the Democratic Party into the wilderness was altogether out of the question. It had occurred to him (STANTON) that confession was the first step toward genuine repentance, but if the majority are not responsible, the country has little to hope for from the Democratic quarters. The appropriation bills are returned from the Senate uniformly laden with additional millions, and the House is compelled to acquiesce, as they come from the Committee of Conference or leave the Administration without the means for carrying on the Government. He had been informed that some men connected with the navy-yards never go there, excepting to get their pay; and that on election-days they serve as shoulder-hitters, and perform such other duties as the exigencies of party require. This is, no doubt, one of the reasons of the increase of expenditures, of which the gentleman from Virginia complained. They had increased as the exigencies of the Democratic party increased, and to those expenditures the gentleman's party owed its success. If he wants an economical administration of the Government, he must lay the axe at the root of this corrupt tree, and not merely lop off the branches, for they would spring out with increased vigor. So long as the expenditures are made the spoils of the victors, and the reward of party services, so long will they continue to increase. It is said that music has charms to soothe the savage, but when discordant grates harshly. While the President indulges in the sonorous notes of "Old Hundred," the Secretary of the Treasury plays "Yankee Doodle." This, as Dogberry says, is most tolerable and not to be endured. It makes confusion worse confounded in the Democratic Church, which is in a melancholy condition. There is unmistakeable evidence of its speedy overthrow, not merely in the non-essentials, but the fundamental articles of the Democratic creed. He referred to the conflicting views of the President and Secretary of the Treasury, relative to the mode of adjusting duties, alluded to the frauds from false invoices in valuation, and said if the customs had been collected under an honest system, forty per centum more would have been received into the Treasury. Eight or nine millions would be sufficient to meet the current expenses. There should be a radical change from *ad valorem* to specific duties for the purpose of obtaining sufficient revenue with the principle of discrimination for the encouragement of domestic manufacture. We, he said, ask no more, we will take nothing less.

The amendments to the Indian bill were acted on, when the Committee rose, and a recess was taken till 7 o'clock for general debate.

EVENING SESSION.

Mr. MORRIS, of Illinois, in condemning the President, asked whether they should cower before his advancing power, and suffer him to crush out every vestige of the nation's manhood, without offering resistance. He had aimed a blow at the freedom of elections by interfering in the domestic affairs of the sovereign State of Illinois. Offices had been virtually sold to venal politicians, and rewards offered for treason. A few Judases were found to sell themselves for thirty pieces of silver, and they were worth less than that. Outrages and tyrannical acts, violative of every principle of right, should not be longer tolerated. If the course here afore pursued is to be followed, up in Illinois, and the people thereof are not to have a voice in their home affairs, it was time the Administration should have a Rowland for an Oliver. He (Mr. MORRIS) had never dreamed, when at home, that his Government secreted the evidence on which public officers are removed, but it was reserved to him, on reaching Washington, to learn that our Executive Department is a Star Chamber, for it conceals from the public the charges on which a man is tried, convicted, and removed from office without giving the least opportunity to repel the accusations against him, and such conduct is to be dignified by the high character of the executioner. He complained that the Post office Department had refused to let him take copies of the charges against ex-Postmaster PARSONS, and said that the Government had committed a larceny on PARSON's reputation by creating the suspicion he had been unfaithful to his trust. Mr. MORRIS mentioned other similar cases to show, that removals and appointments had been made in total disregard of the wishes of the people. Where creatures could not be found in Illinois to fill officer, vacated by the removal of good men and Democrats, they were imported, and some of them did not bring good moral characters with them. If a mail robbery was committed, suspicion immediately attaches to some Government officer. Among the appointments to high office in Illinois was a man notoriously a defaulter, and who deserved confinement in prison rather than a place of trust. Some of the same class have since been promoted. He attributed these things to the President's heartless levity and imbecility, and character, naturally aristocratic—his acts being designed to strike down DOUGLAS, the brave and heroic chieftain of the Democratic Party.

Mr. ROLLS, of Vermont, said, if we have suffered so many insults from Spain as the President alleges, he, instead of asking an appropriation to purchase Cuba, would have better discharged his duty by laying before Congress the facts, to aid intelligent action on such measures as would vindicate our national honor, and afford the protection which our citizens demand. He condemned the positions assumed by the President, saying, among other things, that the latter had fallen into a grave error if he supposed that by the acquisition of Cuba the suppression of the Slave-trade would follow as a result. If the island was to be secured because of its contiguity, and of natural right, Jamaica, Mexico, Central America, and the Russian and British possessions might be claimed on similar grounds. If the President wants a better feeling with Spain he will refrain from further attempts to purchase Cuba, for she knows we have not money enough to pay for the island, and all the world knows that we do not need it. A large majority of the people were pledged to resist the further extension of Slavery, and will never consent that new Slave States shall be formed out of foreign territory purchased with the common treasure of the country.

Mr. CHASE, of New Hampshire, said in eight years the annual expenditures had increased from forty-eight to eighty millions of dollars. There being no extraordinary circumstances for this, it must be attributed to corrupt and wanton extravagance, and nothing else. Men who want fat jobs besiege the capital, and the army of office-seekers is greater than the frogs of Egypt. The rule of action has been, "the President wants my vote and I want his patronage. I will vote if he wishes, and he will give me what I want." Twenty millions have been spent in six years in carrying elections, burying the dead, caring for the wounded, and cheating the people generally.

Mr. WADE, of New-York, reviewed the commerce of the world, and spoke of the necessity of interoceanic communication by means of a ship canal, and regarded the Straits in New-Granada as the route which science can overcome and render its prosecution and completion practicable.

The Committee here rose and the House adjourned.

Monday's Congress Report.

The following is a correct rendering of the close of Monday's Senate report. The question being on the case of the Indiana Senators:

Mr. HARLAN's amendment for the recommittal of the report was lost—22 against 14.

Mr. PUGH's amendment, declaring Messrs. BRIGHT and FITCH to be the Senators from Indiana was adopted—30 against 16.

The Report of the Judiciary Committee as amended, on motion of Mr. PUGH, was sustained—22 against 16—and the Committee were discharged from further consideration of the subject by 30 against 15. Adjourned.

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United States Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Feb. 15.

No. 64.—Philo Chamberlain *et al.*, claimants of the propeller *Ogdensburg*, *vs.* Eber B. Ward *et al.*, and

No. 69.—Ward *vs.* Chamberlain, &c. Argument continued for claimants and concluded for libellants.

No. 65.—Edward M. Chaffee *vs.* The Boston Belting Company. Argument commenced for the plaintiff.

Naval.

The following promotions have been made in the Marine Corps, in consequence of the decease of the late Brevet-Brigadier General HARNEDEN, and the commissions issued to the parties:

Major James EDELIN to be Lieutenant Colonel, vice Lieutenant Colonel HARNEDEN promoted to the Colonel Commandant.

Captain BENJAMIN MAGONIGLE, Major, to fill vacancy.

First Lieutenant JOHN C. GRAYSON to be Captain, to fill vacancy.

Second Lieutenant EDWARD JONES, to be First Lieutenant, to fill vacancy.

LUCIEN L. DAWSON, Second Lieutenant, to fill vacancy.

FROM NEW-MEXICO—LIEUT. BEALE'S EXPEDITION.—A letter from Santa Fé, Jan. 14, to the St. Louis *Republican*, says: "Lieut. BEALE, with a part of his party, arrived here last night, looking well, and reports a fine way for a road, and fine country from Necoho, on the thirty-fifth parallel, to Anton Chico in this Territory. They all got along well in travel, considering they had to break a new road, which is very tedious with a heavy-loaded train of wagons. They anticipated having trouble with the Camanches, which they would have had, no doubt, if it were not for the number of men in company, for they saw plenty of fresh Indian signs all along the route. As yet, he has not decided upon his further movements, but will in a few days."

THE DUDLEY OBSERVATORY TROUBLES.—The Albany *Statesman* has the following in relation to the troubles at the Dudley Observatory: "It has been publicly stated that Professor MITCHEL had been shown certain letters written by one of the Trustees three or four years ago, which so offended him that he left the city in disgust. The facts are simply these: Professor MITCHEL came to this city last week, leaving two of his family sick in New-York. He stated to the Trustees that he could remain in this city but one day, and must devote all of his time to an examination of the Observatory. His interview with the Trustees was *entirely satisfactory. After he had left his hotel*, and had taken a ticket for New-York at the depôt, a package was put into his hand, which he opened in the presence of Mr. OGDEN. It contained a letter from Gardner H. THATCHER, together with garbled extracts from letters purporting to have been written by Dr. ANDREW to Dr. GOULD more than three years ago. Prof. MITCHELL returned the letters to the Trustees, and treated this base attempt to prejudice him against the institution with the scorn and contempt which it deserved."

DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE AN EDITOR.—A dastardly attempt was made on Saturday, near midnight, by W. D. WEBB, one of the *attaches* of the *Journal* office, to assassinate W. W. BLOSS, the local editor of this paper. Mr. BLOSS was seated at his desk, with his back towards the door of the office, when WEBB entered, and without a word or intimation of his design, instantly fired at the back of Mr. BLOSS, the ball striking his shoulder-blade in the region of the heart, and glancing off passed through his left arm. Mr. BLOSS sprang to his feet, but before he could turn to see his assailant, WEBB had fired three shots, one taking effect as above stated, one passing through the right arm, and one passing through the left hand. Mr. BLOSS discovered the assassin in time to avoid the fourth shot, which was aimed directly at his head. As soon as he could reach his pistol, he returned the fire, but being weak and dizzy from the effect of his wounds, he failed to hit his antagonist. WEBB then fired three more shots, and hastily left the room. Physicians were immediately called in and the wounds of Mr. BLOSS were examined and found to be very serious.—*Leavenworth (Kansas) Times.*

Miscellaneous.

The annual report of the "Newsboys' Aid Association" of Philadelphia shows a prosperous condition of affairs. The home of reception was opened in February, 1858. The number of boarders varies from fifteen to twenty. A Newsboys' Union has recently been formed, embracing both newsboys and news-agents.

The large amount of property bequeathed by Stephen Girard to the City of Philadelphia, in trust for certain public purposes, comprises some which, although intrinsically of great value, has hitherto been unproductive; more particularly of the coal lands on the Mahanoy region. This tract is now to be opened.

The Alumni of William and Mary College have resolved to hold their anniversary celebration, notwithstanding the destruction of the college. The time fixed is the 19th February.

The question of the cession of West Florida to Alabama is to be submitted to the people of the former at the next election.

The Commission for testing the accuracy of the Coinage of the United States, convened at the Mint in Philadelphia, on Monday.

The Troubles in Dr. Cheever's Church.

AN EX-PARTE COUNCIL CONVENED.

Large Gathering of Congregational Clergymen.

FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The members of the Rev. Dr. CHEEVER's Church, who have been so long endeavoring to procure regular letters of dismission from that communion, have as a last resort summoned an *ex parte* Council to consider their grievances. It assembled yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, in the small chapel of the University.

The Rev. Dr. HAWES, being the oldest clergyman present, called the Council to order. The Rev. S. J. BUCKINGHAM, of Springfield, was elected Scribe. On the first ballot for Moderator there was no choice made, Dr. HAWES, of Hartford, and Dr. DWIGHT, of Portland, each receiving seven votes, and the Rev. Dr. BACON, of New-Haven, one. On the second ballot Dr. DWIGHT was elected. After taking the Chair he offered a brief and appropriate prayer. The Scribe then read the following documents as constituting the call for the meeting:

NEW-YORK, Jan. 26, 1859.

To the South Congregational Church, Springfield, Massachusetts:

CHRISTIAN FRIENDS: The letter, a copy of which is communicated herewith, was addressed by us under its date, to the Church of the Puritans in this City. The proposition which it contains for a mutual council having been rejected by that Church, we now accordingly invite you to be present by pastor and delegate, at the small Chapel of the University in this City, Tuesday the 15th of February next, at 3 P. M., to unite with the other Churches invited in an *ex parte* Council to consider the questions therein presented, and to take such action in the premises as may be deemed proper.

Your brethren in Christ,

(Signed) O. E. WOOD,
E. M. KINGSLEY,
J. K. JOHNSON,
R. N. HAVENS,
E. C. WILCOX,

For themselves, and at the request and in behalf of the following brethren, viz: Henry A. Hurlbut, James Linsley, M. D., Albert Chesebro, L. N. Conley, Richard Brown, A. T. Dwight, F. E. Mather, E. J. Owen, William Way, Stephen Paul, J. Walker Camp, S. Conover, Jr., Samuel Churchill, E. M. Morgan, Elisha Peck, W. B. Isham, and W. S. Thompson.

The following is the letter addressed to the Church of the Puritans:

NEW-YORK, Dec. 27, 1858.

To the Church of the Puritans:

The undersigned, members of the Church of the Puritans, in regular standing, having applied for letters of dismission and recommendation to other churches, and having been offered, by formal vote of the Church, letters not in the usual or customary form—which letters were for this reason not satisfactory, and were returned under protest; and, furthermore, the Church having at the same time declared, by resolution, that we are deemed no longer members of the same, or in any way subject to its watch and care;"

Now, therefore, for ourselves and in behalf of others in the same relation, for the purpose of ascertaining what are the respective rights and duties of the parties in the premises, and for the promotion of Christian order, we propose that the Church unite with us without delay in submitting to a mutual Council the following questions for decision:

First—Are or are not the applicants, by the terms of our Church manual, in accordance with the practice of sister churches, entitled to the full and "customary letters," and such as have been used since the foundation of the Church?

Second—Is it or is it not a violation of the rules of the Church, of the rights of Christian brethren, and contrary to the usages and the privileges of our Churches, summarily to cut us off from its "watch and care" and the privileges of membership with objectionable letters, and without specified charges (if any) and formal trial, as is done by the resolution above-referred to?

(Signed) O. E. WOOD,
E. M. KINGSLEY,
J. K. JOHNSON,
E. C. WILCOX.

The following are the names of the Churches invited, and of the Pastors and Delegates who answered to the roll-call:

Clinton-avenue Congregational Church. *Pastor, the Rev. W. J. Buddington, D. D.; Delegate, A. S. Barnes.

Plymouth Church, Brooklyn. *Pastor, the Rev. H. W. Beecher; no Delegate.

South Congregational Church, Brooklyn. Pastor the Rev. E. W. Clark, D. D.; Delegate, C. K. Baldwin.

Church of the Pilgrims, Brooklyn. Pastor, the Rev. R. S. Storrs, D. D.; Delegate, R. P. Buck.

Broadway Tabernacle Church, New-York. Pastor, the Rev. Dr. J. P. Thompson*; Delegate, Austin Abbott.

First Congregational Church, Albany. Pastor, the Rev. Ray Palmer, D. D.; Delegate, H. R. McCall.

First Congregational Church, of New-Haven, Conn. Pastor, the Rev. Leonard Bacon, D. D.; Delegate, C. S. Lyman.

Third Congregational Church, of New-Haven. *Pastor, the Rev. E. L. Cleveland, D. D.; Delegate, R. A. Davenport.

First Congregational Church, of Hartford, Conn. Pastor, the Rev. Joel Hawes, D. D.; Delegate, Mr. Samuel Ward.

Second Congregational Church, Greenwich, Conn. *Pastor, the Rev. Joel Lindsley, D. D.; Delegate, Jones Mead.

First Congregational Church, Westfield, Mass. Pastor, the Rev. E. Davis, D. D.; Delegate, E. B. Gillette.

South Congregational Church, Springfield, Mass. Pastor, the Rev. B. G. Buckingham; Delegate R. A. Chapman.

Mount Vernon Church, Boston, Mass. *Pastor, the Rev. E. N. Kirk, D. D.; Delegate, Mr. R. Palmer.

Third Congregational Church, Portland, Me. Pastor, the Rev. W. T. Dwight, D. D.; Delegate, Joseph Libby.

Central Church, Providence, R. I. Pastor, the Rev. L. Swain, D. D.; no Delegate.

After the calling of the roll the Rev. Dr. Dwight announced that the first business in order after convening an *ex parte* Council, was to inform the pastor of the Church whose interests were concerned that it was in session. Such at least was the usage in Maine.

Dr. BACON moved that a Committee be appointed to inform the pastor that the *ex parte* Council was assembled.

Dr. PALMER asked whether the pastor, in case he should come, would have a right to argue questions which might be presented in common with those who had called the Council. He thought it would give rise to difficulty if it should be so understood.

The Chairman said that that question must be decided hereafter.

Dr. THOMPSON, of the Tabernacle, said that he understood a formal invitation to be present had already been sent the Church of the Puritans.

Mr. O. E. WOOD read the letter which had been addressed to Dr. CHEEVER's Church. He said there had been no response as yet.

Dr. RUFUS W. CLARK, of Brooklyn, asked whether it was necessary to give the Church a month's notice of the assembling of an *ex parte* Council. He thought the proper way would be to ask for a Committee of *Conference from the Church.*

Dr. THOMPSON said that the letter which had been addressed to the Church of the Puritans, through the fault of the Post-Office or the messenger, did not get to the members of that Church until last evening. They will hold a meeting this evening and decide what to do in the premises. If a Committee from this body should wait upon them he thought they would be kindly received.

The Moderator said that if the Church in question should determine to send a Conference Committee, it might afterwards refuse to submit to the decision of the Council, and that if they did so they would have all the advantage of stating their case in full without making themselves at all responsible for any action which might be taken.

Dr. BACON, of New-Haven, thanked the Moderator for having expressed his views so fully. He had himself once belonged to an *ex parte* Council in Brooklyn. There all were in such a state of ignorance as to the manner of conducting such conventions that they had to go entirely by the light of nature.

Mr. WOOD announced that Professor NOAH PORTER was counsel of those who had called the Council.

Mr. CHAPMAN moved that the Scribe be requested to inform the Church in question of the presence of the *ex parte* Council.

Dr. HAWES seconded the motion. He thought the Church should, of course, be informed, and, moreover, that a Committee of Conference should be appointed to conf

International Coinage.

It is characteristic of the Buchanan Administration, that the very few salutary measures it has undertaken, it has undertaken in the smallest conceivable way. The possibility of really achieving a good thing seems to be too tremendous to be trifled with, and, accordingly, when a commendable policy is to be entered upon, it is approached with every precaution against success. A remarkable proof is before us. On the 6th inst. the Secretary of the Treasury transmitted to the House of Representatives a "Report of Professor ALEXANDER in regard to the relative value of the coinage of the United States and Great Britain;" a State paper possessing a merit not frequent in documentary literature, that it occupies very little space. The fact perhaps is accounted for by the circumstance that there is absolutely nothing in it. The title is no just warning of the contents. Had it run thus, "A Report of the Labors of an Agent authorized to do nothing, and who punctually did it," there would have been some coherence between name and tenor; and certainly there would have been no disappointment upon finding within nothing more upon the coinage question than the incidental repetition of the phrase.

Professor ALEXANDER is, we are told, a gentleman of "views," among which the scheme of reducing the money of various nations to a common standard occupies the leading position. In the Autumn of 1857 the Professor was appointed Commissioner to confer with the "proper functionaries in Great Britain" on the subject of bringing the coinage of the two countries to a uniform decimal adjustment, the Secretary of the Treasury being at especial pains to designate the limits of his commission. He was to be no more than a peripatetic note of interrogation. He was to ask questions on all sides, but on no account to answer any. He was to be to the last degree guarded, lest an intimation should escape him that his Government had any plan to propose; he was to be even more vigilant, lest any of his own "views" or projects of reform should, in a moment of confidence, be intruded to the functionaries to whom he was directed to apply his powers of suction. Thus ingeniously equipped, this High Commissioner was sent forth on his expedition. He remained in London until last December, communicating, along with frequent drafts, information to the department of the faithful and laborious fashion in which he was executing his duties; the net result and upshot of which, appeared to be, that wherever he applied for information, there was nobody prepared to give it. The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs snubbed him; the Master of the Mint professed himself quite destitute of views, or plans on the subject; the minor officials had never thought upon it; and all joined in the assertion that the subject was one belonging exclusively to the Legislative Department; and that until Parliament had initiated investigation, it became the subordinate oracles to preserve a decent silence. Such is the entire substance of this important report. The Commissioner did nothing, because he was not empowered to do anything. He learned nothing, because those to whom he addressed himself had nothing to tell. And Congress has now in full before it, the inestimable results of this weighty business. The cost of the folly was, to be sure, no more than five thousand dollars,—cheap, as the folly of the present Administration goes—but yet the shame of exhibiting such bungling silliness to the exact and formal officials of the British Government, is not to be left out of the account. And it certainly displays the understanding of our Cabinet ministers in no faverable light.

We have no disposition to underrate the importance of procuring such uniformity of the world's coinage as Prof. ALEXANDER set forth on this Quixotic expedition to seek. Nor do we underrate the serious difficulties interposing between us and a reform so desirable. Our present purpose, however, is only to point to this importance, and these difficulties, as illustrating the absurd inadequacy of the measure with which Government has thought proper to inaugurate the change; and, indeed, the absurdity of taking any action whatever, before forming some plan, however indefinite, for reducing the need to fact. It may be an error, but we have been accustomed to regard the Envoy we may have residing at a foreign court as the proper medium of intercourse between this Government and that. Whether the topic of inquiry be large or small—the case of a shipwrecked sailor, of some ill-looking skipper, examined by a suspicious man-of-war, or of a handful of negroes reclaimed as the property of aggrieved subjects—all matters we had supposed should properly pass through the ordinary diplomatic channels. The policy of the actual Administration is, however, a reproof of such errors. A minister resident is only expected, it seems, to fill an agreeable social position: to compose and deliver complimentary after-dinner speeches; and, in a general way, to be ornamental without descending to be useful. The practical and actual duties, once attached to the place, are to be executed by that convenient device, a Special Commissionership; a device of constant service to Mr. BUCHANAN.

This business of uniform coinage was certainly grave enough, we might imagine, to employ the largest talent of our ablest diplomatist. It would have been no condescension for Mr. DALLAS to have called to the subject the attention of Lord MALMESBURY; and from the history of Professor ALEXANDER's suit, it is obvious an application from that quarter would have encountered very different treatment. The matter would have been brought before Parliament. There would have been a special Committee appointed and expert testimony collected. A blue-book would have followed, pregnant with the very information our Agent sought vainly. If the desirableness and practicability of a change were evinced by such inquiry, it is probable a Mixed Commission would have been designated to arrange the basis of a better system. Thus, by the most direct and sensible path, the distance from suggestion to realization would have been traversed; and we might to-day, be within sight of a reform, the advantages of which to commerce cannot be exaggerated. The mismanagement of the Government has defeated this hope. It can only be revived should the matter be renewed, by bringing to its treatment less desire to gratify partisan predilections, and more to serve the public interest. Would it not be well for Secretary CASS to resume the coinage question, with some view to popular wants and sound business considerations?

The Controllers of the Public Schools in Philadelphia make a grevious complaint. They have published a memorial which says: "We are forced to call your attention to the very bad quality of many of the articles provided for us. The books are so loosely bound that it is not easy, even for the most careful, to preserve them. The copy-books are of the commonest and cheapest paper, and as to the pens, they are certainly totally unfit for the use for which they are furnished to us."

THE STATEN ISLAND MYSTERY.

DISAPPEARANCE OF MRS. BRANNAN.

Further Disclosures—The Investigation still Kept Open.

It will be remembered that on the 20th of July last, Mrs. JANE M. BRANNAN, wife of Captain BRANNAN, of the U. S. Army, mysteriously disappeared. Her husband was then at Key West, Florida, on duty, and Mrs. BRANNAN was residing with her mother, the widow of Col. CRANE, of the U. S. ARMY, at Chelsea, Staten Island. Mrs. B. remained at the North by advice of her brother, Doctor CRANE, of the army, who suggested this course as indispensable to the restoration of her health, which had been seriously impaired by a fever contracted while she was with her husband in Florida. One result of the fever had been the rendering of her subject to severe and prostrating headaches, which occurred frequently, and often compelled her to take to her bed.

When Mrs. BRANNAN disappeared, she was in the 31st year of her age, and had been married to the *Captain since the 16th of September, 1856. The only* issue of their marriage is a female child, named ALIDA, now about 7 years old, who resided with her mother at Mrs. Colonel CRANE's, and is now under the care of that lady.

It appears that on the morning of the 20th of July, Mrs. CRANE, Mrs. BRANNAN, her brother WILLIAM and the child ALIDA, rode together from the house of the former to the steamboat landing, called the Chelsea Landing. There the two ladies separated from the child, (Mrs. BRANNAN kissing her daughter, as was her invariable custom when they parted,) and took the 6 o'clock boat for New-York. Mrs. BRANNAN left her mother in the City to visit a friend, agreeing to meet her on the boat which was to leave for Chelsea at 3½ o'clock P. M. that day. She was seen at the Port Richmond Ferry by Mr. GEORGE VERRELAND, an Express Agent, shortly after the boat had left, having arrived too late, and was again seen at the same ferry (that evening at 7 o'clock, under circumstances hereafter stated. Mr. VERRELAND knew her well, was recognized by her at that time, and observed that she seemed disappointed. As she did not meet her mother, nor return home that night, her absence soon occasioned anxiety; and when so much time had elapsed as made it apparently certain that she was not to return, measures were taken to discover what had become of her. To this object her brother, Dr. CRANE, sedulously devoted himself, enlisting the services of police, of detectives, and others; inquiring at the various places where cars or steamboats left, and otherwise investigating whatever might possibly furnish a clue to her whereabouts. *Rewards for this purpose were offered* by the Doctor, and also by the Supervisors of the County of Richmond; but no information as to what had become of her was obtained. Various rumors as to her having gone away voluntarily, and being at different places stated, were then current, as many of a similar nature have been since. All of them have been investigated, and found groundless.

While the efforts to gain some account of her were progressing, a Mr. PICKERSGILL, who, on the day of her disappearance, resided on Staten Island, communicated the following facts:

Mr. PICKERSGILL left New-York that evening for the Quarantine, by the 7 o'clock boat. Just after the Port Richmond boat had passed out of her slip a lady dressed in full mourning, and attired as Mrs. BRANNAN is proved by her mother to have been that day, came to the ferry, and finding that she was isolate, exhibited some agitation. The boat for Quarantine had then moved from the wharf, and persons who noticed the lady apprized her of the fact that that was the last boat for the Island that night. The boat was backed to the wharf, she came on board and passed into the cabin—the collector having informed her that she could get a carriage at Quarantine to take her to Port Richmond. These incidents, and the fact of her being unattended, drew Mr. PICKERSGILL's attention to her. He observed near her, at one time, a man dressed in black, whom he first supposed was acquainted with her, but this opinion he soon abandoned, as they did not converse or communicate with each other in any way. When the boat reached the Quarantine landing, she passed off it alone, and walked towards a livery stable close by, kept by a Mr. MATTHEW CARROLL, being followed at a short distance by the man in black. She spoke to Mr. CARROLL, left him, and went to the driver of a public hack or carriage then standing in front of Mr. CARROLL's stable. Immediately after she entered the vehicle. Then the man in black, after apparently speaking to the driver, also got in and took a seat beside her, but they did not communicate with each other. Just about this time, a driver of CARROLL's, named DALY, had started off with his carriage, in which were two servant women, who had come down in the seven o'clock boat. One of the women had forgotten a hat-box, and DALY was obliged to return with his vehicle and get it. He then set off again, following the carriage in which the lady and gentleman were seated, and which was but a short distance in advance of him. It appears that these hacks are used in the same manner as stages or omnibuses, and it is common for persons going in the same direction to ride in them together, although not acquainted with each other. The carriages separated at a point distant about a third of a mile from the landing, and went in different directions; that containing the lady and man taking the road to Port Richmond—a large part of which is through a dense wood.

This revelation being made by Mr. PICKERSGILL, a complaint was, on the 31st of August, 1857, made before Justice DE FOREST, of Tompkinsville, Staten Island, and an investigation had. PICKERSGILL was examined, Mr. MATTHEW CARROLL, his son JOHN CARROLL, and all the drivers and employes of CARROLL, as well as the other persons who on the day or evening in question had vehicles at the landing. But it was not discovered who drove the carriage containing the lady and man, nor what had become of driver, horses, vehicle or passengers. The elder CARROLL, however, testified to the important fact that, on the arrival of the 7 o'clock boat that evening, a lady, dressed in black, came to him, and asked him how much he would charge to take her to Port Richmond, and, before he had answered the question, inquired of him whether he knew Colonel CRANE. He answered in the negative, adding that he knew the Colonel's son, WILLIAM. She then left him, and he never saw her again, nor was he aware of ever having seen her before. There was no means by which a vehicle could leave the Island that night, the last boat from it having then gone, and there being no bridge or carriage way between any part of the Island and an opposite shore.

Nothing in this state of facts warranted the Justice in holding any party, and no warrant was issued by him. Captain BRANNAN having obtained leave of absence, arrived in New-York on the 31st day of September, traveling with all possible dispatch, but having been compelled to wait until he procured leave. He forthwith set on foot new inquiries, and engaged the services of GEORGE W. MATSELL, Esq., late Chief of Police, to aid in solving, if possible, the mystery which then shrouded the fate of Mrs. BRANNAN. The Chief, with the Captain and other persons called to his aid, explored the region of Staten Island over which she would have passed on her way home, made a thorough search of the woods, dug in many places where the appearance of the earth indicated that a grave might be found, and had the ponds in the neighborhood dragged, but all to no purpose. From that time to the present, having procured his leave to be extended, he has devoted himself continually and indefatigably, to search for the person of his wife, or some information as to her fate, having in the effort the advice and assistance of LOT C. CLARK and JAMES T. BRADY, the former of whom is a well-known counsellor-at-law, residing on Staten Island. The operations thus carried on were kept secret, in the hope that something might thus be accomplished, and all the while rumors, such as have already been mentioned, were rife in the community. Not one of them, however, has proved to be in any particular correct, and beyond the established facts that Mrs. BRANNAN went to Staten Island in the 7 o'clock boat, on the evening of the 20th of July, there spoke to Mr. CARROLL as stated, and got into a public carriage, nothing whatever as to her whereabouts has been ascertained.

When the efforts so made proved thus fruitless, Capt. BRANNAN, by advice of his counsel, on the 27th day of January last instituted a new complaint before Justice L. H. HAGGERTY, of Fort Richmond, on Staten Island, alleging his belief that his wife had been murdered. On this a thorough investigation has been had, under the direction of ALFRED DEGROOT, Esq., District-Attorney of Richmond County, aided by Mr. MATSELL and Messrs. CLARK and BRADY. PICKERSGILL, the two CARROLLS, all the drivers and employes before mentioned, and every other person who might possibly throw light on the case, have been examined. And on this occasion Mrs. CRANE, Capt. BRANNAN, and Dr. CRANE, have given their testimony.

Mrs. BRANNAN was a lady of refined education and demeanor, religious in feeling, fond of literature, of a domestic disposition, affectionate and devoted as daughter, mother, sister, and wife. Her relations with her family and society were such as to preclude the idea of her voluntarily separating herself from her husband, child, and kindred, and keeping them in utter ignorance as to whether she was living or dead. At the time of her disappearance, and for some time previously, she had contemplated, and was making arrangements for a visit to Maine, and thence to the White Mountains, with her child and her friend, Mrs. ANDERSON. To this visit she looked forward with pleasure. She had also, by correspondence with her husband, settled upon joining him at Key West in the Fall, which was deemed the season most suitable for *that purpose, in reference to her health; and in view* of this event, she had purchased furniture for her intended home at Key West, some part of which had even then been shipped. She had about her person, when she went away, only the garments she wore, a parasol, a watch and chain, her wedding-ring, a diamond ring, the gift of her husband, and a purse containing a small amount of money. She had no reticule, traveling-bag, valise, or other article for a similar use. All her other apparel, trinkets, letters, and personal effects, were, and are, in her mother's house at Chelsea.

These facts exclude the belief that such a wife, mother, or daughter, would secretly abscond. They seem to leave no other explanation of her fate than that her life ended on Staten Island during the night of the 20th of July. Whether she was assassinated for the sake of the articles in her possession, or to conceal violence attending an outrage of her person, or whether she died from the terror consequent on an attempt so to outrage her person, are questions which cannot at present be answered. The suggestions made, *thoughtlessly or otherwise*, intimating that Mrs. BRANNAN is yet alive, emanate from those who know nothing whatever about her. If there be any person who can state, under oath, a single fact calculated to show what has become of her, it is earnestly desired and solicited that such person's name and address be forwarded to Mr. MATSELL; and the proof thus rendered will at once be taken. But there is nothing, whatever, now known to warrant the belief that anything can be so stated which will not confirm the theory that she has been murdered.

FROM WASHINGTON.

THE MAIL SERVICE ACROSS THE ISTHMUS—ANOTHER DISGRACE TO THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE—THE ADMISSION OF OREGON, &c.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Feb. 13, 1859.

The programme of the Senate Committee on Post-Offices, in relation to the transmission of mails across the Isthmus routes between the Atlantic and the Pacific Oceans, of which I notified you a few days ago, has again been completely demolished. An effort is now making to concentrate the entire service by the way of Tehuantepec. The plan suggested is that of providing for two branches of service, one from Cedar Keys, Florida, and the other from New-Orleans, both *viâ* Tehuantepec, thus ignoring the Panama route altogether. A proposition so utterly inconsistent with the public interest would hardly be worth a moment's apprehension except for the strong personal interest that Senators YULEE and BENJAMIN have in its success—the former because of the local advantage it would secure to his State at the expense of the rest of the Union, and the latter because of his open and honestly avowed pecuniary interests in the Tehuantepec enterprise. I have no idea, however, that the scheme can succeed. Its first and greatest objection would be the fact that it would establish another monopoly, affording much less convenience to the public than one by the way of Panama.

The true policy would be to authorize service by both the Panama and Tehuantepec routes, and paying both fairly for good service. This would open healthy competition, at the same time that it would secure reliable, safe and efficient service. Government should not be guilty of a niggardly policy. It ought not, by throwing the service open to the lowest bidder, give to such men as VANDERBILT the opportunity to crush out every legitimate steamship company, and thus secure to himself another monopoly, to be availed of as a means of self-aggrandizement and public oppression. The contractors and ships employed by Government to carry the mails, must necessarily carry the passengers also; and it behooves Congress, therefore, to take care that its action in awarding mail service shall not operate so as as to compel the traveling public to risk their lives in frail ships, and to submit to the outrageous impositions of various kinds which the great highwaymen of the ocean never failed to inflict upon his victims. By all means, let us have one line *viâ* Panama, and another by Tehuantepec. The Panama route is necessary, unless we are prepared to see the fifty millions a year of specie now landed at New-York diverted from that quarter, and transmitted direct to England, by the British steamers from Aspinwall; for it will assuredly seek the latter channel if an attempt is made to force it over Tehuantepec. With two lines, California mails and passengers from the South and the Southwest will be well accommodated by the Tehuantepec route, and the Northern and Eastern States will continue as now to send their tide of passengers and mails *viâ* Panama. In this way justice will be assured to all, and healthy competition be established, at no greater expense to Government than fair compensation for good service should involve.

One by one Mr. BUCHANAN's foreign appointments came up in judgment against him. The following letter from a highly-respectable American merchant at Vera Cruz, the original of which is in the hands of General CASS, Secretary of State, presents us with a disgraceful picture of another of the men whom the present Administration has sent to represent American character abroad:

VERA CRUZ, Friday, Jan. 7, 1859.

John Forsyth, Esq., Mobile:

DEAR SIR: During your residence in Mexico, as well as during your sojourn in this city, you no doubt has had sufficient opportunity to observe the entire unfitness of the present incumbent of the U. S. Consulate at this port.

It is with great reluctance I now communicate with you on the subject, but believe it my duty to bring the matter to your notice.

Mr. TWEMAN has shown himself, and is known to every person in Vera Cruz, to be a habitual drunkard, and scarcely a day passes without his being intoxicated.

In corroboration of what I say I could here with produce a statement from every American citizen in Vera Cruz, but merely beg to refer to Captain HENRY, a resident of Washington City; WALKER FEARN, Esq., your former Secretary, and Captain TURNER, of the U. S. sloop *Saratoga*, each of whom had on one or more occasions, during their few days' sojourn in this city, found or met our Consul under the influence of liquor, and unable to attend to the current transactions of business pertaining to his office.

His recent attack of *delirium tremens* has brought no change in his mode of life; on the contrary, it appears to have fortified him for stronger drinks.

Vera Cruz is at present, and may be for some time, the seat of the Constitutional Government. Many delicate questions arise in which the Consul occupies a diplomatic function, and it would certainly be to the interest of our Government to have the place filled by a more able man, or at least one that does not disgrace his country.

Considering your office as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to this country not terminated by the temporary withdrawal of the Legation from the capital, I apply to you as the proper person to bring my complaint and that of every American citizen here before the President, in order to remedy the evil we are suffering under—and really we *are* suffering.

Assuring you that my complaints do not arise from ill-feeling against the Consul, and that I have no other motive than to see our country represented abroad by men that at least command respect,

I remain, dear Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

The President, as is well known, was perfectly aware of Mr. TWEMAN's habits when he appointed him Consul at Vera Cruz. The Consul himself has boasted more than once that his "particular friend, Old Buck, knew his little failing" when he gave him his commission! There is not the least doubt that he spoke the truth,—for the President, as is well known, rather affects good whisky and the use of it. The country has become pretty well used to having the offices at home filled by men physically or morally incompetent, and is learning to bear the infliction with some grace. Surely that ought to suffice. If we give up everything at home to the shoulder-hitters and political "strikers" of every stripe, without a murmur, it does seem as though we might be permitted representation abroad by men who do not dishonor their appointments and bring the blush of shame upon the cheek of their countrymen.

The course of those Republicans who yesterday separated from their party to vote for the admission of Oregon is severely reprobated by their political friends, and provokes many a gratified chuckle among their enemies into whose camp they ventured. The course of the Indiana men was especially inconsistent. They voted first against the Preamble to the Oregon bill, which declares that the people of Oregon have framed a Constitution "Republican in form and in accordance with the Constitution of the United States,"—and having been defeated upon that, they then "reversed fence" and voted to bring the State in with a Constitution which they had just voted *was not* Republican in form, &c. During many years residence in Washington I have always noticed that when a man has deserted his party friends in an important juncture, and given substantial victory to the enemy, he is flattered with a serenade, and complimented in honeyed phrase by those he has served, for his "manly independence," &c. Messrs. THAYER, COBB and others proved to be no exception to the rule last night, and accepted the din of a villainous brass band, and the adulation of the Lecomptonites with unconcealed satisfaction.

The strictures of a portion of the Republican Press upon their party, for voting to lay on the table Mr. BIRD B. CHAPMAN's claim to a seat as Delegate from Nebraska, are emphatically unjust. The editor of the *Tribune*, himself, would frankly admit, if he had opportunity for examination, that Mr. CHAPMAN presented not a shadow of reliable testimony to sustain his claim. His testimony, on the contrary, was hearsay, *ex parte*, and inconclusive: while that produced by the sitting Delegate was complete, if it is to be believed. Finally, Mr. CHAPMAN had no special claim to Republican sympathy, having, during last Congress, *polyed fast and loose with each and every party in* the House.

Madam JANE WORK MAINE delivered her lecture here last evening, to an audience highly respectable in point both of numbers and influence. Her graphic history of political events in Europe, in connection with the struggles of the Republicans, her enthusiastic presentation of the cause of Italian Freedom especially, and her thrilling appeals for the aid and sympathy of free America, were all received with marked demonstrations of pleasure and approval. Certainly Madam M. is a most pleasing lecturer, and cannot fail to interest and instruct every intelligent hearer, whether he is or is not prepared to agree in all her views. Her history, arguments and predictions are alike well calculated to set one thinking deeply and earnestly upon a subject of vast interest and importance. S.

HISTORICAL PORTRAIT OF A MODEL FILLIBUSTER.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Feb. 12, 1859.

Col. LOCKRIDGE's manifestos in reference to *his Arizona Colonization project*, excite a good deal of merriment here among those who know him and his standing in Texas. Some maintain that his publications are not intended to be earnest, but are designed merely to parody the Arizona, Mexican and Central American Associations, which, whatever its results may be, is really a movement of much more gravity. I am satisfied, than the public is aware, embracing as it does many persons of influence and high standing who would not be likely to engage in any affair that had not important ends in view.

As LOCKRIDGE *may* be endeavoring to get up some new foray against Nicaragua, it will be of interest to recall a brief sketch of his history. He is a native of South Carolina, was for some time an overseer on a plantation, went to California overland with some cattle, and thence proceeded to Costa Rica, where he pretends to have shot a tyrannical *Alcalde* in the midst of his men, and then mounted his horse and made good his escape—a story which no one in Costa Rica was ever found to know anything about. Subsequently he joined the fillibuster forces in Central America, accompanied SCHLESINGER as a volunteer to Santa Rosa, and after the defeat piloted the men back to their friends. Upon this occasion he behaved very well. During the last day at the seige of Granada he came up as a volunteer, commanding the rear of the force under Col. JOHN WALKER, and on this occasion also gave evidence of personal courage. He held no military rank, however, avowed himself utterly ignorant of military affairs, and was desirous of being employed as recruiting agent. For this position he possessed the necessary quality of energetic activity, and would have been useful, except for the strong prejudice entertained against him in Texas.

It will be remembered that LOCKRIDGE was taking out recruits when the river San Juan, the forts and steamers were seized, and that he assumed command upon the river which Gen. WALKER hastened to confirm for fear other parties of known incapacity should seize it. He proved, however, utterly incompetent to manage his men, was never once in a fight, and abandoned the river with the loss of only twenty men in action. The whole command at that time charged him with cowardice, incapacity and treachery. The charge of utter incapacity, doubtless, is the only one of these that could be justly maintained. Still, it was only by the exertions of Gen. HARMONSON's strong personal influence that LOCKRIDGE was saved from assault by his men.

At a later period the Colonel was called upon to give some sort of an account of the arms, provisions, clothing, &c., intrusted to him by the Fillibuster Committee at New-Orleans, which he had sold. The difficulty of making his account satisfactory led to his separation from the cause of Nicaragua and WALKER. From that time his movements have been almost erratic enough to prove his title to a straight-jacket. At one time he proposed a scheme for taking Yucatan. Another of his plans looked to the seizure of all the coffee in Port-au-Prince. At another time he proposed the capture of a division of British India, telling credulous folk that he had millions to back him, and the full sanction of the Cabinet at Washington. Some of his attempted victims actually visited this city to inquire whether it was true that his wild project was supported by the Federal Administration.

Some months ago, hearing that Gen. HARMONSON was going to Mexico to take part in some of the revolutionary movements there, LOCKRIDGE got up a scheme to head him off, which, except for the exceeding caution of the General, would have been apt to cost him and his entire party their lives. His Arizona scheme, if he really designs one, is probably of a piece with his other movements. Certainly he is without means, credit or influence. Instead of having any reputation as a leader, he is profoundly discredited wherever known, and by all who have been associated with him. I remember well having met even in the valley of Salt Lake, last Summer, several of his Nicaraguan comrades, who denounced him bitterly for sufferings consequent upon his incompetency, and expressed their earnest desire to meet him where they could settle accounts. He is very illiterate withal, falling into the most ludicrous geographical blunders in regard to countries with which he pretends to have political relations, is incapable of spelling a dozen words correctly, or of putting them together grammatically, and has exposed his ignorance by pestering nearly every politician and editor of note in the Union with page after page of his misstatements and idle lucubrations. It is to be hoped that his lunacy will not be permitted to delude any number of American citizens into trusting their lives and fortunes in his hands, especially in any illegal or questionable expedition, from the ill consequences of which they will be entitled to no protection by their own Government. B.

THE BALTIMORE MURDERER, MARION CHOPE.—On Saturday, the death-warrant of MARION CHOPE, convicted at Baltimore of the murder of Police Officer RIZDON, was read to him in his cell. The *Sun* says: "During the reading of the warrant CHOPE stood in an humble posture, with his left hand raised above his eyes and resting against his forehead. Once or twice he lowered it to his mouth, about which there was a convulsive twitching of the muscles. He seemed to bear up very well under the ordeal, though now and then falling tear gave evidence of the struggle of his mind against the fate that awaits him. Almost immediately after the reading of the warrant the sheriff told the doomed man that everything for his comfort would be provided, and retired from the cell. Mr. PINKNEY then approached CHOPE and said he wished to ask a few questions for his own satisfaction, to which the condemned signified an assent. He then asked: 'MARION, did you fire the fatal shot?' CHOPE replied: 'No, Sir, as God is my Judge, I did not.' 'Then,' said Mr. P., 'did you hold your hand for a rest for the pistol?' and CHOPE again said, 'No, Sir, I did not.' 'How, then,' said Mr. PINKNEY, 'do you account for that smell on your hand on the night of your arrest, soon after RIZDON was shot?' CHOPE—'I do not know, Sir, unless it was from some rhubarb I had in my pocket, or from a gun which I cleaned the day before.' At the time of the arrest, CHOPE accounted for the smell of gunpowder on his hand by saying that he had 'cleaned a gun on day before yesterday,' meaning Wednesday before the Friday on which RIZDON was murdered. He acknowledged that the fatal shot was fired by his pistol, but would not tell by whose hands. Mr. PINKNEY then told him the Court was done with him, and he would have to look to a higher tribunal for mercy, and counseled him to prepare for death, as there was no hope of life."

PERSONAL REMINISCENCE OF WASHINGTON.—The Washington *States* publishes a letter from a German gentleman, now 84 years old, who, it says, is perhaps "the only individual living in either hemisphere who enjoyed the pleasures of the table seated on the right hand of WASHINGTON." The writer thus speaks of the recollections excited in his mind by pictures of WASHINGTON and his family, which hang in his hall:

"They vividly call to my mind the day—the proudest day of my life—that I passed upon the beautiful banks of the Potomac, in the family of the best and greatest personage that the world has ever produced. It was in May, 1799, now nearly 61 years ago. I was seated at his right at dinner, and I recollect as distinctly his majestic bearing as if it were yesterday. Though of mortality, his overpowering presence inspired an impression that he belonged to immortality. His stateliness, his serene face, the perfect simplicity of his manners, his modest demeanor, and the words of wisdom which he uttered, led me irresistibly to the belief that he was an emanation of the Omnipotent, for the marvelous work that he had then just consummated. It was my good fortune to contemplate him in his retirement—after he had left nothing undone that he could perform for the republic of his creation, and after he had quitted office forever. What a privilege I enjoyed in being his welcome guest! Of the 240,000,000 of people in Europe, I imagine I am the only person, since the death of LAFAYETTE, who was so favored as to break bread and take wine with him at his own table."

COMPLIMENT TO CAPT. HUDSON OF THE NIAGARA.—The British Government has directed its Minister at Washington to present to Capt. HUDSON of the *Niagara*, a snuff-box and a medal, bearing the likeness of the Queen, as memorials of his arduous and successful exertions in laying down the Atlantic cable. "an enterprise," says Lord NAPIER, in his letter to Capt. H., "in which you became endeared to the officers of Her Majesty's Navy, your faithful associates. Her Majesty's Government will ever entertain a grateful recollection of the good service which you, and those under your command, have rendered to Great Britain, in connection with your own country, and they congratulate you on that manifestation of public respect and affection by which your conduct has been so justly rewarded." Capt. HUDSON, in reply, states that, when authorized by Congress, he shall "cheerfully accept these tokens with a grateful remembrance of the honor conferred upon me by Her Majesty's Government, and as cherished memorials of what England and America have done on that occasion (apart from selfish considerations) for promoting the best interests of the brotherhood of man."

LAW REPORTS.

COURT CALENDAR—WEDNESDAY, Feb. 16.

SUPREME COURT—GENERAL TERM.—Nos. 32, 40, 42, 45, 46, 49, 50, 51, 52, 7, 54, 57, 8, 55, 56 to 61, 64, 65.

CIRCUIT—Same as yesterday.

SUPREME COURT—TRIAL TERM.—Nos. 308, 422, 423, 3, 287, 421, 441, 155, 356, 442, 447, 408, 311, 400, 401, 371, 456, 457, 459, 460, 462 to 467.

COMMON PLEAS—*Part I.*—Nos. 636, 651 to 653, 662, 663, 664, 667, 668, 669, 672, 673, 252. *Part II.*—Nos. 591, 670, 671, 673 to 676, 678, 679, 681, 211, 347, 239, 206, 629.

SUPREME COURT—GENERAL TERM—Feb. 15.

The Pennsylvania Coal Company vs. *The Delaware and Hudson Canal Company.*—This is a case of some importance, involving an appeal from a judgment at Special Term in an injunction suit. The defendants are owners of the Delaware and Hudson Canal, running from Honesdale, in Pennsylvania, to Rondout, on the Hudson River. They are incorporated by acts of both Pennsylvania and New-York.

In 1847 they contracted with the Wyoming Coal Association for the transportation of coal. The plaintiffs bought out from the Wyoming Coal Association their contract. They thereafter claimed to be entitled to transport coal over defendants' canal at *the rates of toll specified in the Wyoming contract*, instead of at those authorized by the charter and usually charged by the Company, which were much higher. Defendants would not recognize this right, and the action was brought for an injunction to prevent defendants from detaining and stopping the boats of plaintiffs navigating the canal, and to recover damages arising from such stoppage and detention. The cause was argued.

Andrew H. Green for appellants; Hiram Ketchum for respondents.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.

Before Justice Sutherland.

TRINITY CHURCH SUITS—IMPORTANT EJECTMENT SUITS—THE "KING'S FARM."

The People of the State of New-York vs. *The Rector, Church Wardens, &c., of Trinity Church, and William B. Astor et al.*—*The Same* vs. *The Rector, &c., of Trinity Church, and William H. Paine et al.*—These are ejectment suits, brought by the People as plaintiffs, to recover possession of two lots of land in this City—one in Hammersley-street and the other in Murray-street. The lands are held by the present occupants under leases from Trinity Church; and the object of the suits is to test the title of the Church. Although these suits are directly aimed at the recovery of two lots only, yet the ultimate decision will involve the general question—which has given rise to so much litigation—of the validity of the Church's title to the greater part of her extensive real property in this City.

The causes above named were brought in for trial this morning before Justice SUTHERLAND and a Jury. The plaintiffs put in formal proof of the occupancy of the lands in question by the respective defendants at the time of the commencement of the suits.

Documentary evidence was then put in on behalf of the plaintiffs, tending to show what they rely on in support of their claim; that the patent under which Trinity Church holds was a pretended one, given without authority; and was void both in itself and also by subsequent direct revocation and annulment.

The main points of the title, as brought out by the evidence offered for the plaintiffs, are as follows:

Trinity Church was incorporated in May, 1697. In August following, Governor Fletcher (Governor of the colony under William III.,) leased the "King's Farm," so called, to Trinity Church for seven years. This "King's Farm" is otherwise known in the ancient history of New-York City as the "Duke's Farm," after the Duke of York; the "Company's Farm," after the Holland Company, to whom it at one time belonged; the "Queen's Farm," &c. It originally contained only about seventy acres, but at the time of Governor Fletcher's lease, it had been much enlarged by bringing in adjoining lands, and as then leased, and as ever since bounded, it included the greater part of the lands lying between Broadway and the North River, from Cortlandt-street up to Christopher.

King William III. disapproved this lease, and caused a Colonial act to be passed declaring it null and void. This was in May, 1699. The act of annulment also provided that no Governor should lease the King's Farm for a longer period than his own term of office, it being reserved for the accommodation of His Majesty's Governors for the time being.

In 1702 Governor Cornbury, Fletcher's successor, leased the King's Farm again to Trinity Church, "for and during his continuance in office."

After the death of William III. the Colonial act above referred to was repealed; and in 1705, Governor Cornbury conveyed the King's Farm (then occupied by the Church, under the Cornbury lease) to the Church forever, paying the yearly rent of three shillings.

This conveyance was annulled by Queen Anne's order, in Council, June 29, 1708. She also confirmed the Colonial act above mentioned, and repealed the repealing act passed under the governorship of Cornbury, and specifically ordered, it is alleged, that his conveyance to Trinity Church in 1705 be "obliterated from the record, and consigned to oblivion." In addition to this record evidence of annulment, the plaintiffs claim that the Cornbury grant (under which it is understood that the defendants' rely as a chief muniment of title) is void in itself, and from the beginning, being unauthorized and fraudulent. A large mass of documentary evidence was put in on these various points.

The general theory of plaintiffs' case is, that under the foregoing proceedings the title to the King's farm remained in the English Crown; and that at the treaty of peace between England and America, after the Revolution, the title of the King of England to the premises became vested in the People of this State.

The plaintiffs having rested their case, the defendants moved to dismiss the complaint on the ground that the claim was barred by the statute of limitations. The point was not argued, nor was any evidence offered by defendants to sustain the various grounds of affirmative defence on which it is understood they rely,—the validity of the Cornbury Grant; the estoppel of the State by various matters occurring since the date of our treaty with England, &c.

Charles Tracy, Esq., for the plaintiffs, said he would not argue the motion for non-suit; as it was mutually desired to submit to the Court of last resort the naked question whether the claim was barred. He would merely state to the Court the two propositions of law on which plaintiffs relied to remove the bar of the statute:

1. Trinity Church having entered on the lands under leases from the Crown, could never, for that reason, have had *adverse possession* as against the Crown or the People of the State who succeeded to the rights of the Crown; on the principle that a tenant cannot dispute the title of his landlord.

2. That the defendants, being an ecclesiastical corporation, cannot plead the statute of limitations like an individual—such corporations being excluded from the operation of that statute.

The Court granted the motion to dismiss, and defendants excepted.

Charles Tracy for plaintiffs; Amasa J. Parker, Wm. M. Evarts and R. H. Ogden for defendants.

SPECIAL TERM.

Before Justice Davies.

John Stevenson vs. *John F. Buxton.*—Judgment order settled.

Before Justice Ingraham.

In re. application of Sarah A. Custer et. al.—Referred to Wm. Mitchell to inquire into the facts and report a suitable person to be appointed trustee.

Sophia C. Lasell vs. *The Chatham Bank.*—Motion denied plaintiff, costs to abide event.

John Hone, assignee, vs. *William and Charles Hodges.*—Motion to discharge attachment against William Hodges granted on his stipulating not to bring an action; and motion to discharge attachment against Charles Hodges denied without costs.

Before Justice Sutherland.

THE HARDENBROOK ARREST—MOTION FOR HIS DISCHARGE DENIED.

This morning the Judge delivered an elaborate opinion in the case of William A. Hardenbrook on *habeas corpus*.

He denied the motion for Hardenbrook's discharge, dismissed the writ, and ordered the prisoner to be returned to the custody of the Sheriff. He held that Mr. Hardenbrook, when arrested, was going to the Referee's office voluntarily, and not by virtue of a subpœna commanding his attendance.

Cram and Fowler for Mr. Hardenbrook: A. R. Dyett opposed. Mr. Vanderpool for the Sheriff.

SUPERIOR COURT—TRIAL TERM.

Before Chief Justice Bosworth.

Alexander Nash vs. *Cornelius Garrison.*—This is the suit on a note given, the defendant says, for the accommodation of the Globe Insurance Company; and on an express agreement that they were to hold it until maturity as a part of their capital, and then take a renewal note. The case was mentioned in the TIMES of Feb. 12.

To-day the defendant made a motion for a dismissal of the complaint, founded upon the 8th section of the 1st Art., Title II., Part I of the Revised Statutes. This provides in general terms that no assignment or transfer, not authorized by a previous resolution of the Board of Directors, shall be made by any moneyed Corporation of any of its effects exceeding the value of $1,000. It appeared in this case that the plaintiff had loaned the Globe Insurance Company $5,000, they agreeing to give him security. The President subsequently indorsed to him the note in suit for the purpose of securing the payment of this loan. No special resolution had been passed, but one of the by-laws of the company provided that the President might pay claims upon the company, in full, or by compromise, which, the plaintiff contended, was a sufficient authority under the statute. The note was passed to the plaintiff after maturity. The Court held that a special resolution was necessary; that to allow a general by-law to confer such authority was in effect to allow the company to rep

at 41 @42c 45, ⅌ bushel. Other sales of Western were reported, but particularly dull. Corn is more depressed, at rather easier prices. Hence there is more inquiry for it. Sales were reported of 24,000 bushels new at 62c.@63c. for poor to good Yellow Southern and Jersey—mixed lots at higher rates; 62c. @63c. for White Southern, and (nominally) 64c.@65c. for old mixed Western, in store and delivered, ⅌ bushel. Rye and Barley are in moderate request at uniform prices. Oats are valuable and steady. Canadian, 38c.@40c.; Western, 41c.@44c.; State, 42c.@46c.; Jersey and Pennsylvania, 51c.@55c.; Southern, 46c.@ [illegible] ⅌ bushel. We are indebted to Mr. Ed. Ball for the annexed statement of the exports of the leading kinds of Breadstuffs from the Atlantic ports of the United States since Sept. 1, 1858:

TO GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

Date.	Flour, bbls.	Wheat, bush.	Corn, bush.
New-York, to Feb. 1...	63,663	380,532	200,072
New-Orleans to Feb. 2...	—	—	2,250
Philadelphia to Feb. 2...	2,000	20,261	14,061
Baltimore to Feb. 2...	—	—	—
Boston to Feb. 4...	40	—	—
Other Ports to Jan. 28...	—	11,012	2,940
Total from Sept. 1, 1858...	65,731	412,425	219,353
To about same period, 1857...	60,769	2,209,637	921,953
To about same period, 1856...	6,666,799	2,708,415	
To about same period, 1855...	3,223,273	2,236,563	

TO THE CONTINENT.

Date.	Flour, bbls.	Wheat, bush.	Corn, bush.
New-York, to Feb. 1, 1859...	27,561	41,256	4,561
Other Ports to latest dates...	12,853	6,020	—

Mr. Ball notices the fortnight's business in Breadstuffs thus:—During the fortnight's interval, there has been a disposition shown, on the part of a few speculative holders of Flour, to realize and meet the views of purchasers; the consequence has been an unsettled market, and fluctuating prices; still, as a general thing, there is a firm tone to the trade, and within the last day or two, the market has gradually improved, closing yesterday with firmness, at rather improved rates. The export trade to England has been quiet, no clearances having been made to Liverpool, and 20 bbls. only to London, since the 21st of December last. The market for Wheat continues to improve the article, being offered only at rates rather above the views of millers. There is but little doing, and the trade raises quiet. Indian Corn is without material change, the stock of Old Western is firmly held; the Southern, and Jersey New, sells on arrival, for immediate use, at prices within our range. Barley remains inactive; the lot lately received from Copenhagen has been sold, partly for seed, at $1 25, and the balance at about $1 ⅌ 48 lbs."

HAY.—We have heard of sales of 250 bales North River, at about former quotations.

HIDES—Have been lightly dealt in at unchanged prices.

HOPS—Sales have been reported of 70 ⅌ sales last year's crop at 16c.@16c. ⅌ lb.

IRON—Small lots of Scotch Pig were sold, to day, at old prices, usual terms.

LEAD—Is in demand, and is quoted firm.

LEATHER—The inquiry for Sole is good, and prices are maintained.

MOLASSES—Sales have been reported of 250 bbls. New-Orleans at 30c.@40c.; and 105 hhds. and 10 tcs. new crop Cuba Muscovado at 31c., ⅌ gallon.

NAVAL STORES—Crude Turpentine continues quite scarce, and is somewhat nominal in price. During the week sales have been made of 216 bbls. Washington at $3 31½; 1,450 bbls. North County at $3 37½; and 700 bbls. do. do., to arrive, at $3 31½ ⅌ 280 lbs. Spirits Turpentine has been purchased to-day to the extent of 400 bbls., part at 40½c. ⅌ gallon. Messrs. Rabner & Brooks state that, during the week, "notwithstanding the limited demand, and the fact that buyers are by no means eager at current rates, holders generally have retained their firmness, and no transactions are reported tending to show anything like a decline. The light stock at most of the Southern ports of shipment—lately referred to—and the protection of holders there, are regarded as favorable indications by receivers here; while the fact that much of the stock now in our market was shipped from Wilmington at prices as high as to render sales at present figures anything but profitable, makes them unwilling sellers. The Export demand, at the moment, is very limited, although a considerable quantity could be placed at a slight concession. The home trade is not buying largely. We quote the market at the close quiet but firm, at 40½c.@50c. for lots in merchantable and shipping order. Sales have been made of 1,000 bbls., at 40½c., and 450 do. at 50c., including a parcel to arrive. Stock, 17,000 bbls." Tar is very scarce and held above the views of buyers. The last sale of Washington was made at 22 50½ ⅌ bbl. Rosin continues in good request at about yesterday's quotations. The movements during the week. Messrs. Rabner & Brooks notice thus:—Common Rosin has attracted more attention, although at somewhat lower prices. The large amount sent forward during the late active demand, has made the inquiry, and large parcels are among us difficult to place on satisfactory rates. There is a decided improvement in the medium and fine grades, and large sales have been made at full prices. The stock of desirable qualities is becoming much reduced, while that coming forward is mostly of the lower grades. We cannot look for any large receipts of fine Rosin before the new crop makes its appearance. Among the sales have been 3,700 bbls. Common at $1 [illegible] 70, delivered from yard; 1,000 do. at $1 72½, afloat, to arrive; 400 do. at $1 70, also to arrive; 750 do. Strained at $1 55@$1 67½; 1,055 No. 2 and No. 1 at $2 02½; 750 do. No. 1 at $2 02½ 30; 300 do. at $2 37; 300 do. at $4; 430 do. at $4 25@$4 50; and 200 Pale White at $5 25." Receipts during the week ending Feb. 15, 950 bbls. Crude Turpentine, 3,563 bbls. Spirits Turpentine, 179 bbls. Tar, and 10,225 bbls. Rosin.

OILS—Linseed is in fair demand at 70c.@71c. ⅌ gallon. Other kinds are quiet.

PROVISIONS—Pork is heavy, and prices favor buyers. Sales have been reported of 850 bbls., in lots, at $19 25 for Mess; 697 @25 for Old Mess; and $13 50@$13 62½ for Prime. ⅌ bbl. Cut Meats continue in fair request, including Hams at 9c.@ 9½c., and Shoulders at 7c.@7½c. ⅌ lb. Bacon is quiet, at 8½c.@10½c. ⅌ lb. Lard is depressed; sales 750 bbls., in lots, at 11½c.@12c., ⅌ lb. Beef is in demand, and ⅌ firm. The transactions comprise 500 bbls., in lots, at $8@$8 12½ for repacked Western Mess; $11 25@$12 for extra do.; $8@$8 25 for Country Mess; $6 50@$7 25 for do. Prime, ⅌ bbl.; Prime Mess Beef, $17@$20; India Mess $22, ⅌ tc. Beef Hams, $24@$27 ⅌ ⅌ bbl. Butter is salable and firm, at 21c.@19c. for Ohio; 16c.@23c. for common to good State, and 25c.@27c. for prime to choice State, ⅌ lb. Cheese is in request at 9c.@11½c. ⅌ lb.

RICE—Sales 140 tcs., in lots, at $3 37½@$4 25 per 100 lbs.

SUGARS—Have been more sought after, and sales have been reported of 181 hhds. New-Orleans at 7c.@ 8½c.; 165 hhds. Cuba, part new crop, in bond, at 6½c.; 100 hhds. Porto Rico at 7½c.; 1,200 boxes Havana at 7½c.@8½c., ⅌ lb.; and, by auction, 110 hhds. New-Orleans at 47 65½@47 81½ ⅌ 100 lbs.

TALLOW—Sales, to-day, 10,000 lbs., at 11½c. ⅌ lb. The week's business, Messrs. Adam Kennedy & Son notice thus:—"The market has been rather inactive, but with a comparatively light stock on hand, prices have been sustained. Rough Fat has advanced to 7½c. The sales of Prime City Rendered for the week have not exceeded 100,000 lbs., at 11½c. A small lot of Sandwich Island Soap Tallow sold at 11c., in positive."

TOBACCO—Is less active, yet firm. Sales since Friday last 22 hhds. Kentucky, at 6½c.@10c.; 103 bales Havana, at 25c.@50c.; 30 bales Cuba, at 17c.; 42 cases Seed Leaf, at 7c.@25c., and 11 do. Florida, at 16c. ⅌ lb.

WHISKY—Sales 200 bbls., in lots, at 27½c. ⅌ gallon.

FREIGHTS—For Liverpool, there were taken 125 bales Cotton, at 5-32d.@3-16d.; 30 bales Sea Island do., at ⅜d. ⅌ lb.; 200 tcs. Beef, at 3s.; and 500 bbls. Rosin, at 1s. 10½d.@2s. For London, no important engagements to day. For Glasgow, there were engaged 150 bbls. Spirits Turpentine, on private terms. For Havre, 12,000 Staves, private terms. For Rotterdam, 5,000 Staves, private terms. For New-Orleans, 5,000 bushels Oats, at 4½c. ⅌ bushel.

INSTRUCTION.

BUTCHERS' FEMALE INSTITUTE, Nos. 243, 245 and 247 Madison-st.

This well-known Institute, 14 years established, has recently received into the family of the Principal, Mr. Fuller, the Pupils of the Institute, which is located in distant sections of the City, to and from which it is now their duty to attend. HENRY M. FIELDS, A. M., Principal. JOHN M. KREBS, D. D., President.

WALNUT HILL SCHOOL, GENEVA, N. Y.—The long term of the Rev. Dr. REEDS Boarding School for Boys has just opened. Terms $250 a year. Circulars sent on application.

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GENEVA, Feb. 1, 1859.

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HIAWATHA, FOR THE 5TH,
A ROMANTIC INDIAN SYMPHONY,
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Its first production in New-York.
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Dr. GUILMETTE,
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SONG OF THE GREAT SPIRIT.....DR. GUILMETTE
READING.
HIAWATHA'S BIRTH.....CHORUS AND ORCHESTRA
THE CRADLE SONG.....MRS. HARWOOD
READING.
CANOE BUILDING SONG.....MR. MILLARD
READING.
FIGHT WITH MUDGEKEEWIS.....ORCHESTRA
READING.
HIAWATHA'S WOOING TRIO.
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FAMINE AND FEVER...CHORUS AND ORCHESTRA
READING.
DEATH SONG OF MINNEHAHA.....Mrs. HARWOOD,
READING.
SPRING AND SUMMER...CHORUS AND ORCHESTRA
Conductor.....Mr. ROBERT STEPHEN.
Doors open at 7; Concert commences at 8 o'clock.
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Family Circle.....50 cents. | Amphitheatre.....25 cents.

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Open at 1; to commence at ½ o'clock P. M.

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JOSEPH BURKE,
RICHARD HOFFMAN,
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Concert to commence at 8 P. M. Doors open at 7.
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To be followed by the Drama of
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Tom Gringle.....Mr. E. C. Price

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Lessees.....Messrs. G. L. Fox and J. W. Lingard.
THIS EVENING, Feb. 16, 1859.
The performance will commence with
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After which,
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Concluding with BLACK BLUNDERS.

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The accomplished tragedian Mr. ALEXANDER BURGER, will give one of his elegant entertainments entitled "Choice Readings and Recitations from the Poets," embracing the most beautiful Gems of Shakespeare, on FRIDAY EVENING, Feb. 18, at Lyceum Hall, No. 585 Broadway, for the benefit of the Mount Vernon Association. For particulars see programme; tickets 50 cents. Two tickets will admit a gentleman and two ladies. Tickets can be obtained at Mr. CROWEN'S bookstore, No. 599 Broadway, at the room of the Association in Cooper Institute, and at the door.

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DAN RICE
will
LECTURE
ON AMERICAN POLITICS,
At Niblo's Garden,
THURSDAY EVENING, Feb. 17, 1859.

AMUSEMENTS.

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Annual exhibition on MONDAY and WEDNESDAY EVENINGS, Feb. 21 and 23, commencing at 8 o'clock. Subscribers and their friends can procure tickets by applying at the Gymnasium, Nos. 156 and 161 Crosby-st.

LAST WEEK OF MRS. FRANCES A. LEMMENS'S reading from Shakespeare, at Dodworth's Saloon, No. 806 Broadway.
Monday Morning, Feb. 14, at 11 o'clock P. M., Henry IV., Part II.
Tuesday Evening, Feb. 15, at 8 o'clock, Henry V.
Thursday Morning, Feb. 17, at 11 o'clock P. M., Twelfth Night.
FRIDAY EVENING, Feb. 18, at 8 o'clock Hamlet, WITH WHICH THE COURSE WILL CONCLUDE.
Tickets, $1 each, may be obtained at the accustomed places, Messrs. Appleton & Co., No. 346 Broadway; Mr. Crowen, No. 599 Broadway; at the Clarendon Hotel, and at the door. Seats secured (reserved) $1 50, may also be had at Mr. Crowen's, 599 Broadway, and at the door.
Tickets will not be sold after the reading has begun, and money will not be taken in lieu of them by the doorkeepers. An early attendance is solicited.
This course of Readings will be positively the last which Mrs. KEMBLE will give in New-York previous to her retirement from public life.

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LITERARY AND MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT.—Rev. J. B. Gough will read his sacred poem of Naomi and Ruth. Choice music will be sung by the choir, under the direction of Prof. Nash, in the Spring-st. Church, near Varick-st., on WEDNESDAY EVENING, Feb. 16, at 7½ o'clock, for the benefit of the Sabbath School. Tickets 25 cents.

THE LADIES OF THE BETHESDA BAPTIST Church will hold a Fair, commencing Feb. 16, at 3 P. M., at their meeting-house on 32d-st., near 3d-av. Should the weather prove unfavorable, the Fair will be continued on Friday, the 18th. Admittance free.

FINE ARTS.—OPEN AT THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF DESIGN, 352½-st., between Broadway and 4th-av. F. RICHARDT'S Exhibition of Paintings of American Scenery. Admission 25 cents; season tickets 50 cents.

A. F. A.—THE FIRST ANNUAL BALL OF JOHN Mason Lodge, No. 26 A. F. A. M. will take place at the Chinese Assembly Rooms, No. 539 Broadway on the evening of Feb. 14, inst. Rodelsen's Quadrille Band is engaged for the occasion. Tickets $1, to be had at the door.

LECTURES.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.
The second of the Series of POPULAR LECTURES will be given by the Hon. HORACE GREELEY,
AT THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC,
WEDNESDAY EVENING, Feb. 16.
Subject—Great Men.
This lecture has never been delivered in New-York and the Committee understand that it is one of Mr. Greeley's best efforts. Tickets, 25 CENTS, to all parts of the house. For sale at the bookstores and door. To commence at 7½ o'clock.

MR. DE CORDOVA'S HUMOROUS LECTURES.
The last of the course,
THURSDAY, Feb. 17,
at Clinton Hall, Astor-place. Subject—Fun, Seriously Considered.

MRS. CORA L. V. HATCH WILL LECTURE in Clinton Hall, New-York, WEDNESDAY EVENING next, at 7½ o'clock. Subject given by the audience. Also, in Musical Hall, Brooklyn, on SUNDAY AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock. Admittance 15 cents.

PUBLIC MEETINGS.

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The citizens of New-York, who feel interested in improving the condition of the Poor, by enabling them to provide for themselves, are requested to attend a public meeting, to be held at Hope Chapel on the 16th day of February, at 7½ P. M., to consider the evils and remedies of Pauperism. Statements will be made, and addresses delivered by the Rev. Matthew Hale Smith, Joseph Hoxie, and others. All who would relieve the Poor, and the City at the same time, are respectfully invited.
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AMERICAN INSTITUTE, MECHANICS' Club, meets at the Repository, No. 351 Broadway, on WEDNESDAY, Feb. 16, at noon. Question—Coal Oil. Those who feel an interest in the great cause of "Light plenty and cheap for all," are invited to come and aid. Admission free; always free to all. Strangers especially welcome always. The Club meets every Wednesday at ½ o'clock P. M. H. MEIGS, Secretary.

NOTICE.—THE LIFE MEMBERS, DIRECTORS and Annual Members of the American Society for Meliorating the Conditions of the Jews, are requested to meet at Room No. 27 Bible House, Astor-place, New-York, on WEDNESDAY, Feb. 16, to perfect its organization and elect officers as directed by its Charter. By order of Rev. JOHN McLEOD, V. P., and Rev. JOHN C. GOLDIN, V. P.

MERCER-ST. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—The Rev. WALTER CLARK, D. D., will be installed Pastor of this Church THIS EVENING, the 16th inst. The Rev. Dr. Hawes, of Hartford, will preach the sermon. Services at 7½ o'clock.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

The report of the Sherman Investigating Committee is expected to be submitted to Congress to-day, and its developments, it is believed, are destined to create a considerable commotion. The testimony is understood to be very conclusive as to corruption, and to implicate more than one person connected with the Administration. The precise nature of the developments expected may be inferred by a perusal of our Washington Correspondence this morning.

Congress did nothing of special importance yesterday. In the Senate, the House bill modifying the pay of Army officers was taken up, and elicited considerable discussion. It was, however, finally passed with slight amendment. A bill was introduced by Mr. WILSON, of Massachusetts, to regulate the mileage of members of Congress. It allows fifteen cents a mile for distances under one thousand miles, twenty cents for distances over one thousand and under two thousand five hundred miles, and twenty-five cents for and above the latter distance. It was referred to the Judiciary Committee. Mr. CRITTENDEN then made a speech on the Cuban question in opposition to the views of the Administration, and was followed by Mr. HALE on the same side. In the House the member from Oregon, Mr. GROVER, appeared and took his seat. A resolution was passed authorizing the arrest of JOHN CASSIN, of Philadelphia, who refused to appear and testify before the Select Committee appointed to investigate the accounts of Mr. SEAMAN, late Superintendent of Printing. After several ineffectual efforts to procure the consideration of matters out of the regular course, the Senate's amendments to the Indian Appropriation bill were considered and acted upon in Committee of the Whole. An evening session was held for general debate.

Some days since the House adopted a resolution, calling upon the President for information relative to the case of the yacht *Wanderer*, which recently landed a cargo of slaves in Georgia. The President yesterday, in reply to this resolution, sent in a message inclosing a report from the Attorney-General of the Savannah District, in which he states that everything possible has been done, and is being done, by the local officers of the Government to follow up the case, and bring the offenders to justice. Their efforts have, thus far, been attended with many difficulties, but there is good reason, he believes, to hope they will eventually be overcome and that justice will be executed. The present condition of affairs, however, is such as to render the publication of any of the proceedings extremely injudicious, as such a course would tend to the prejudice of the public interest.

In the State Senate, yesterday, the Lobby Investigation Committee were instructed to allow parties to appear with counsel. The bill to provide for the payment of money disbursed by Ex-Governor KING to the troops on Staten Island was passed. A successful effort was made to procure the appointment of a select committee to investigate the charges made by O. B. WHEELER, reflecting on the character of members of the present Legislature. In the Assembly the Registry bill was the special order, and was debated at great length. A substitute, submitted by the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, entirely different in its features, was voted down.

The steamship *Indian*, so long overdue at Portland from Liverpool, arrived yesterday. Her news has been anticipated by the *America* at Halifax, the advices by which are three days later.

It will be recollected by our readers that in July last, great excitement was caused on Staten Island by the mysterious disappearance of Mrs. BRAHMAN, the wife of an officer of the United States Army, and the daughter of the late Col. CRANE. She was, at the time, residing with her mother at Chelsea, Staten Island, and was last seen to leave the ferry-boat at Tompkinsville, on the afternoon of the 20th of July. A large reward was offered for any information which would lead to her discovery, and a thorough investigation was made by the Police, but no clue was obtained to the mystery of her disappearance. Since the examination was dropped by the Police, the investigation has been resumed by her husband and brother, under the directions of ex-Chief of Police G. W. MATSELL, aided by J. T. BRADY, Esq., and LOT C. CLARK, Esq., of Staten Island. In another part of the TIMES will be found this morning a statement of the affair, which has been made public for the purpose of inviting any one who may have any information in reference to this most melancholy case, to communicate with the parties who are engaged in the investigation. There are reasons for believing that the unfortunate lady was most foully dealt with, and circumstances point strongly towards a suspected person as having been involved in her mysterious fate.

The members of Dr. CHEEVER's Church who have been so long endeavoring to obtain letters of dismission in the regular form, have at length summoned an *ex-parte* council as a last resort. It convened, yesterday, in the chapel of the University, and was organized by the election of the Rev. Dr. DWIGHT, of Portland, Me., as Moderator, and the Rev. S. G. BUCKINGHAM as Scribe. The afternoon session was taken up with a debate on the form of the resolution inviting a Committee of Conference from the Rev. Dr. CHEEVER's Church. In the evening the Rev. NOAH PORTER, D. D., of Yale College, read the statement on which those calling for the Council wished that action should be taken. The Rev. Drs. BACON, of New-Haven, J. P. THOMPSON, of New-York, R. W. CLARK, of Brooklyn, and JOEL HAWES, of Hartford, are among the members of the Council.

The Board of Ten Governors transacted little business of interest yesterday. A bill for oysters furnished to Bellevue Hospital, amounting to $173 71, which had not been indorsed by the Warden of the Hospital, was referred back to him. Resolutions providing that all Wardens who shall keep poultry on the Island after the 17th inst. be forthwith discharged, and requesting the Common Council to investigate fully the affairs of the Department were adopted.

A case of much interest to the politicians of Tammany Hall was tried yesterday, in the Court of General Sessions, before the Recorder. On the 24th of November last, on the occasion of a political meeting at that renowned locality, THOMAS [illegible], a "regular," was assaulted by WILLIAM [illegible]STER and WILLIAM HANLEY, who were not "regulars." The affray grew out of a political difference. The jury found the defendants guilty of simple assault and battery. Sentence was deferred till the last day of the term. The case of HUNTER, charged on the complaint of B. F. HIBBARD, with keeping a gambling house at No. 575 Broadway, was disposed of—the defendant being convicted and remanded for sentence. FLORENCE MYERS, who pleaded guilty of burglary in the third degree, was sentenced to the State Prison for five years and six months.

The sewing machine controversy was brought up in the United States Circuit Court yesterday, before Judge INGERSOLL. The proceedings resulted in granting injunctions in favor of FORREST and WHEELER against the defendants in fifteen cases, with leave to the defendants to move to set the injunctions aside, if they saw fit.

Yesterday, Flour, new Corn and Sugars, were more sought after. Flour was dearer. Coffee, Cotton, Fish, Wheat, Hides, Oils, Rice, Tallow and Whisky were lightly dealt in. Provisions were less active, as were likewise Tobacco, Copper, Iron and Lead. The freight engagements were moderate.

Bearing the Bag.

When Judas Iscariot attempted to prevent what he affected to regard as a distressing waste of certain ointment of "spikenard, very precious," on the plea that it might have been sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor, his fellow-disciples probably had no suspicion of his real motives. Long afterwards, when a still more conspicuous financial transaction had revealed to them his real character, they recalled this earlier incident, and understood at once that the economical Apostle had been stimulated to his remonstrance not by any concern he felt for the poor, but by the fact that he "bare the bag" of the little brotherhood, took what was put therein, and was, in simple truth, simply expressed, a "thief." But that Judas Iscariot must have been to all appearances a most respectable person and a shrewd financial manager, is sufficiently proved by the circumstance that to him were confided the ordinary business transactions of the "fishers of men," since he "bare the bag," received the contributions of the believing, and made all necessary disbursements. The opportunities of this position inflamed the lust of gain that lurked in his heart, and the thrice-infamous Apostle fell at last, leaving his name to be the immortal synonym of the blackest of treacheries, and his example to warn all mankind of the dangers inherent in the function of "bearing the bag." Never was that example more keenly needed than in this country and at this time.

Instances multiply upon us daily of material disasters and of moral corruption, brought about by this system of speculation in fiduciary trusts, which, in the time of Judas himself, was as old as the subtleties of human greed and the instigations of the enemy of mankind. The crisis of 1857 first developed the extent and gravity of the evil. The recent decision of Judge DAVIES, in the case of the Cumberland Coal Company against A. M. SHERMAN and others, has just pointed out the only remedy, in a stern application by injured stockholders of the principles of the law, as so clearly laid down in that admirable paper, to the abuse by trustees of the opportunities which their position gives them.

By the ruin of the Ohio Life and Trust, in which such utter confidence had been reposed that the estates of widows and orphans had been invested in it by the shrewdest and most thoughtful of guardians; by the failure of immense manufacturing establishments, managed by the "first men" of such model Puritan communities as Massachusetts, and the crash of colossal banking-houses conducted by the "first men" of such exemplary Presbyterian cities as Glasgow, the community was startled out of its blind reliance upon the external respectability and social reputation of fiduciary trustees, into a sudden conviction that the price of integrity as of liberty is an eternal vigilance, and that no body of men have the right to impose upon any one of their number the control of vast corporate interests without a constant and careful supervision. For no body of men have the right to subject the human nature even of the most decorous and distinguished of mortals to the temptations of such a position, and stockholders, if they care nothing for their own interests, (as their conduct would seem so often to imply,) are bound to remember that an uncontrolled "bearing of the bag" is a very hazardous thing, even for men who dwell in decencies and a hired house on Madison-square, drive down town in hypothecated carriages, and dine their admiring friends, on pleasant Summer evenings, in mortgaged country-seats on the banks of the Hudson River.

That this truth needs to be still more deeply impressed than it yet has been upon the public mind, the case of SHERMAN very clearly proves. In that case, the prosperity of a great Company was rescued from impending ruin almost by accident; men who knew the real value of the Cumberland property chanced to invest in it just in time to arrest the process of liquidation, and to press Mr. SHERMAN to account before the courts for his attempt to transfer the lands of the Company to himself under his fiduciary authority. When the case first came under our cognizance, we took precisely the view of it which Judge DAVIES himself has taken, and denounced Mr. SHERMAN's conduct as a violation of his fiduciary duties, quite irrespective of the imputation of fraud. For this, Mr. SHERMAN has thought fit to pursue us in three suits for libel, claiming aggregate damages of $150,000, a sum hardly sufficient to set him fully right again with the Cumberland Company under the Judge's decision; and as he can hardly prosecute his Judge he may now renew his assault upon ourselves. But this is a trivial matter. His misconduct has provoked a decision of great importance to the whole commercial community: and we are well content to be the means of fixing the public attention firmly upon the fact that every man who traffics in his trusts; every railway director who sells his own goods to the Company he controls; every "solid man of Boston" who discounts the bonds of corporations over which he presides, has been pronounced from the Supreme Bench of this State a violator of the law as well as of plain moral obligations.

Judge DAVIES' decision lays down in the plainest terms the control which the law imposes upon all directors, managers and fiduciary controllers of corporate interests; and it announces the cheering prospect that this control will be really enforced by the avenging justice of the State. The action of the Cumberland Company will not, we trust, long remain an isolated instance of vitality and resolution on the part of corporations plundered and mismanaged by their natural guardians. The Accessory Transit Company of Nicaragua are now pushing a very similar case against Mr. CORNELIUS VANDERBILT. This, also, is matter of public congratulation.

Nothing but an extensive and energetic administration of the law in these affairs can stay the downward tendency of vast material interests among us; or the still more deadly and deplorable downward tendency of that standard of fiduciary duty and honor which carelessness, recklessness and a headlong spirit of miscalled enterprise have so seriously degraded.

Congress and the Press.

Two years ago the TIMES, on the authority in part of its correspondent at Washington, took the liberty of denouncing to the country certain flagrant cases of corruption among members of the National Legislature, less in the hope of bringing the parties specifically guilty to condign punishment, than with the determination to make Congress understand that the public represented at Washington possesses in the free Press of America an agent sure to keep the closest watch upon the management of the National business, and powerful enough to compel attention to those demoralizing practices which, if once systematically established at the seat of Government, must sooner or later undermine the whole fabric of our Institutions. Our Republican polity lives and has its being solely on the condition of a stern and uncompromising independence of private gain and private temptations on the part of those to whom the nation confides the keeping of its interests and its honor. It is sadly easy, we know, for the delegates of the people, when convened at a centre of action out of the reach of their immediate constituencies, and in the very vortex of a myriad conflicting passions, to forget that they are indeed responsible in the highest sense for all they do, and that their personal integrity is the guarantee of a nation's liberties. But the Press incarnates the public mind, and swifter far than any possible action of any possible constituency, can reach every member of either House, of whatever party, and from whatever section, who swerves from his strict accountability, and makes his high office subservient to the paltry instincts of individual profit. Our correspondent has once more laid his hand upon a series of grave delinquencies, involving, so long as they remain unexplained, unsifted, and unapplied, each to its special author, the dignity, the honesty, and, therefore, the usefulness of the whole representative body. He charges distinctly upon a particular member of one of the Committees of the House of Representatives, not only that he entered into a corrupt agreement with a particular claimant upon the public purse, in virtue of which that claimant's demand—on being passed and paid—was to render to him, the said member of the House, a specific per centage of commission, but also that he used such influences with other functionaries of the Government as prevented the claimant, after his demand had really been passed with modifications, from obtaining his money for a considerable length of time. This charge, it is alleged, can be substantiated in full and in detail. Here is an issue distinctly made, which imposes upon the House of Representatives the duty of immediately facing the matter, and probing it to the bottom. This duty the House cannot evade. No efforts of partisan zeal, no convulsions of sectional pride, can interfere with it. The reputation of the United States, already impaired by the freedom with which the blackest charges have been bandied to and fro at the capital, and by the accusations, yet unrefuted, of the most shameless plots framed in the highest quarters, for carrying out national measures by the most corrupt machinery, demands the settlement of this affair in such a way as shall satisfy the country, not only of the innocence or the guilt of the member accused, but also of the actual temper of the House in regard to these matters.

It will not do to put off questions of this sort with such sneers at the Press as disgraced the "examinations" of two years ago. The independent Press, untrammeled by the bonds of party, and devoted to the interests of the nation rather than of any section, is a power which has made for itself the right to be heard.

The Court Funds.

A mania seems to have seized our legislators at Albany for appropriating private property to supply deficiencies in the public treasury. The first scheme proposed is that for confiscating the unclaimed deposits in the Savings Banks:—and we observe that another has just been brought forward, in the form of a bill, providing for the transfer of all the funds now in custody of the Courts of law, from the County Treasurers to the State Treasury. What the purpose of such a bill can be, except for the State to confiscate to its own use the property of individuals, it is difficult to divine.

When the new Constitution in 1847 united into one the Court of Chancery and the Supreme Court, there were several millions of money on deposit in the Courts. The amount was invested principally in this City, but the accounts were kept in the eight Judicial Districts of the State, and it was not inconvenient for parties to draw their money in the districts in which they resided. By the Judiciary act of 1847, the whole fund throughout the State was transferred to the Clerk of the Court of Appeals, located in Albany; and from that time all the widows, and orphan children and trustees—for they are the parties most interested in those funds—had to be at the expense of going or sending from all parts of the State to Albany to get their money. This operated to the benefit of lawyers and banks alone, and was at the *cost* of the helpless and unprotected. So great was the mischief that in 1848 the law was repealed, and all the funds and securities were transferred to the County Treasurers of all the counties in the State. Thus it has remained ever since, and the widows, orphans and trustees who want their money have but to go to the Treasurer of the county where they live to get it.

The proposed bill will alter all this, so that, if it passes, the widow living in Chautauque County, the orphan living in Onondaga, and the trustee on Long Island, must be at the expense of either going to Albany to get their money, or hire some lawyer or agent to do it for them.

But this is not all. The fund now draws interest the moment it is deposited, so that the banks or trust companies with whom it is left do not have the use of it for nothing. This interest is quite an item, and under the administration of the late Chancellor WALWORTH a system was matured by which the whole expense of the Court of Chancery was paid out of that interest. So wisely did he manage the fund that he not only thus made the deposit banks or trust companies save the State the expense of the Court, but he gathered a most valuable library, and accumulated some $40,000, which he had invested in Government stock.

That $40,000 the Legislature confiscated by a law similar to that now before the Legislature, and that amount of money belonging to suitors in Court went into the State Treasury some ten years ago, and was virtually lost to the parties to whom it belonged. The injustice and bad faith of that proceeding was so great that some of the Judges protested against it, but they could not stop it.

The law however which Chancellor WALWORTH originated, requiring the expenses of the Court to be paid out of this interest, has continued to this day in *this* City, and the current expenses of the Supreme Court have been thus defrayed. Any one by examining our City Comptroller's Reports will see that while the Superior Court and Common Pleas cost the City several thousand dollars a year for miscellaneous expenses, nothing or very little has been expended for the Supreme Court, and nothing need be expended for it; for the deposit banks or trust companies, instead of having the money for nothing, are made to allow interest enough to pay all those expenses.

The passage of this bill will alter all this, for by putting the money into the State Treasury the county will be saddled with the expenses of the Court. Under these circumstances, it seems to us that it will be worth while for the Legislature to pause before passing a law which will be virtually confiscating private property, will be subjecting many widows and children to useless expense and trouble, and will be adding $2,000 or $3,000 a year to the already heavy burdens of our county.

Our New State.

The change which takes place in a Territory on being admitted into the Union as a State is very similar to the effect produced in the character and manners of a young man on his coming of age and being made responsible for his own conduct. The wild hilariousness of youth suddenly evaporates, and the cares of manhood transform the reckless youngster into a cautious and prudent individual. Territorial life is always wild and extravagant, and territorial politics must, in most cases, coincide with the party in power at Washington. But a change for the better is effected in a surprisingly brief time after the people have to assume the responsibility of making their own laws, electing their own Governor, and paying the cost of their own government. All the new States have been ultra-Democratic on their admission into the Union, but have gradually outgrown their early ways and and joined the opposition; and there is no reason for believing that Oregon will prove an exception to the rule. Mr. BUCHANAN, in his outdoor speech on Saturday night, complimented the people of the Territory on their staunch Democracy; but, like New-Hampshire, Michigan and every other State lying north of the 42d parallel of latitude, Oregon must inevitably belong to the great band of Anti-Slavery communities which constitute the antagonists of the South, notwithstanding that she is now so strongly organized in opposition to them. The influences of climate and occupation must tell upon the people of the State in time. The hardy agriculturists of her mountains and valleys cannot long continue to harmonize with a section of the country whose institutions are inimical to their own. The pioneer settlers of that distant member of our confederacy have not yet had time to divest themselves of the political prejudices and obligations they carried with them from the Atlantic States, and the indigenous character of the people has not yet had opportunity to develop itself. The two Senators who now represent Oregon were but recent settlers in the Territory. Gen. LANE is a native of North Carolina, who grew up in Indiana and Kentucky, and followed the occupation of a wood-chopper on the Mississippi, enlisted as a private on the breaking out of the Mexican war, rose rapidly to the rank of a General, and then was appointed Territorial Governor of Oregon. It is very certain that he can be no representative of the genuine Oregonian. His coadjutor, Mr. DELAZON SMITH, is a native of Chenango County, in this State, who, after living in Ohio, came back and edited a paper in Rochester, returned to Ohio again, and then, as a reward for his political services, was sent by President POLK on a diplomatic mission to Ecuador, but had some difficulty in finding that remote country from not knowing exactly in what part of the world it was located. He remained at his post but little more than a month, and, after promiscuous wanderings for nearly a year, returned home and strayed off to Oregon. The representative in Congress from the new State, Mr. GROVER, is a young man from the State of Maine, who studied law in Philadelphia. It is palpable enough that such adventurers as these can afford no indication of the kind of men that Oregon will be likely to send to Washington hereafter, and who will shape the political destinies of the State. South Carolina had an instinctive apprehension of the future character of her new sister, and voted plumply against holding any companionship with her. And with very good reason. When Michigan was admitted into the Union, she chose for her first Governor a young Virginia Democrat who had hardly reached his majority, and one of her first Senators was a Kentuckian of the same political stripe; yet Michigan has now chosen two Republican Senators, and has come near passing a law making it a felony to bring a slave within her jurisdiction.

Though it is but ten years since Oregon was organized as a Territory, it has long been an important portion of the national domain, yet her progress in population has been extremely slow compared with other parts of the Union. In 1850 the population of the Territory was but 12,000, and in 1857 it was estimated at but 48,000. It would be a rather extravagant estimate to give the State more than 60,000 now, taking the last election, when but 10,000 votes were polled, as a basis of calculation. Oregon is the only portion of our territory that we acquired a claim to by virtue of discovery. It was in the year 1792 that the mouth of the Columbia was first discovered by the Captain of a Boston ship, who christened the unknown river by the name of the vessel he commanded, and annexed it to the United States by the right of discovery. Twelve years afterwards, LEWIS and CLARK explored the country, by order of the Government, from the mouth of the Missouri to the mouth of the Columbia, and in 1811 the city of Astoria was founded there by JOHN JACOB ASTOR, as a trading post for the Pacific Fur Company. During the war of 1812–14 it was seized by the British forces, but yielded to us again at the peace in conformity with the Treaty of Ghent. But the territory lying north of the Columbia was held in common with the British until the year 1845, when the boundary line was fixed at the 49th parallel of latitude by treaty. That portion of Oregon which now forms the Territory of Washington was set off by Congress in 1853. It commences at the 46th parallel. The area of Oregon is nearly five times greater than that of the State of New-York, and when its fertile valleys shall be filled with the teeming population they are capable of maintaining, the State must exercise a mighty influence on the political destiny of the nation. Even now, in the beginning of her career, the young State may give the casting vote for a Presidential opponent of the Republican Party, but it will probably be the last of the kind she will ever give. A State so far removed from Southern influences cannot long remain in communion with the Virginia school of politicians.

Bullying to Punishment.

On Saturday last, at the "Monte Cristo Ball," at the Apollo Rooms, a rowdy named JOHN REILLY made a disturbance, and on Officer JOHN CARNON, of the Metropolitan Police, was thereupon called upon to eject him, which he did. REILLY, however, discharged a pistol at the policeman, but missed him; was conveyed to the Tombs, and in due course brought before a magistrate; but the officer refused to prosecute, and he was discharged.

We hope the attention of the Police Commissioners has been called to this case, and that they will do their duty in the premises, which is clearly to punish CARNON severely. It is bad enough for a private citizen to let a dangerous ruffian go unwhipped of justice, either through timidity or good-nature, but for a Police officer to connive in this manner at the escape of a man who has attempted to murder him while in the discharge of his duty, is, to say the least of it, a scandalous breach of discipline. An officer has no more right to refuse to prosecute a person who makes an attempt on his life, than he has to decline arresting a person for a felony committed before his eyes. The offence is not a mere private injury, which the sufferer may dispose of by condonation; it is a gross violation of the law, apart altogether from the injury it may have caused to the individual. Mr. CARNON seems to have supposed that in this instance the shooting was altogether an affair between him and the rowdy; and it is just on this point we desire the Commissioners to enlighten him. We hope they will make him understand clearly that in affairs of this sort he goes into action, not as simple Mr. CARNON—a very estimable gentleman, no doubt—but as the servant of the public, and that when he is shot through in discharge of his duty, the public has something to say in the matter as well as he.

It was the duty of the Police Justice before whom this case was brought to have reported Mr. CARNON to his superiors for his amiability. We don't suppose for a moment that he did so; but we do not intend, for our part, to be equally remiss, and hope accordingly that Superintendent TALLMADGE will administer a lesson to this tender-hearted officer upon the nature of his position and its responsibilities.

A REPRESENTATIVE MAN.—A recent arrival from Kingston, Jamaica, informs us of the actual arrival of FAUSTIN The First (and last) at that port. What took place at his capital of Port-au-Prince; how he refused to abdicate until he had secured time to consider; how, while he was considering, all his troops abandoned him; and how he then resigned the purple out of pure love for his cherished Haytiens—all these events we had learned before. General GEFFRARD's clemency, wholly unmerited by SOULOUQUE, but most creditable to his captor, protected the person of the fallen tyrant, and placed him in safety on board the British transport *Melbourne*, on its way to England with troops, having left Kingston but a few days before, but which returned with the black Ex-Emperor and his family to Jamaica.

It is a noticeable fact that the negro population of that island hailed SOULOUQUE on his arrival with most enthusiastic demonstrations. Although men of their own race and color had expelled him as an intolerable tyrant, they recognized in him a representative man, and rejoiced over him as one who—though a negro, and once a slave—had assumed control of a country, and worn for years the title of Emperor. Surrounding him by thousands as he passed along the streets of Kingston to his hotel, it required the intervention of the police to keep off the crowd. The feeling which they thus manifested is perhaps natural. But it is a pity it could not find an object less unworthy. SOULOUQUE—or FAUSTIN as he chose to be styled—rose from slavery to power, only to exemplify in full measure the cowardice, treachery and cruelty attributed to the black race by those who disparage it most, and to cast upon the title his vanity aspired to, the utmost ridicule and contempt. His experiment of African administration will hardly be regarded as encouraging. Certainly none but the colored men of Jamaica will be likely to greet it with applause.

SOULOUQUE has always made loud professions of patriotism, and even in his deed of abdication he did not forget to repeat them. It is, however, understood that he took care to reward himself. He had £30,000 in gold in his palace, together with $2,000,000 in the depreciated currency of Hayti, at the time of his abdication. The gold he carried off with him; the mob took the paper money. But his chief treasure—£500,000—is safely banked in London.

SUBSTITUTE FOR THE REGISTRY BILL.—In the Assembly, yesterday, the first open opposition to a registry, on the part of the Republican majority, manifested itself. It came from the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, Mr. DANIEL MORRIS, of Yates, who moved a substitute for the whole bill—such substitute being no registry, but simply an authority to Inspectors of Elections to examine more closely in respect to bribery, and providing for the punishment of corruption when detected. This substitute was supported by Mr. WARNER, Democrat, of Ontario, Mr. LOOMIS, Republican, of Oneida, and by the mover, who concurred in denouncing a Registry law as unconstitutional. One of these gentlemen, Mr. LOOMIS, took occasion to deny that the Republican Party is committed to such a measure. Mr. LAW, American, of Delaware, Mr. SPENCER, Republican, of New-York, and Mr. TUTHILL, Republican, of Kings, spoke in opposition to the substitute. The whole subject came up as the special order, and the debate thereon was quite animated. It is manifest that those who thought the Registry bill was to pass smoothly, and with the general concurrence of the dominant party, reckoned without their host. It may pass. We trust it will. There is so much strength honestly in its favor that we can hardly see how it can be killed. Time will show.

The House contains only 29 Democrats. Accordingly the Republican force (including one American, Mr. LAW,) is 99. To pass any bill 65 affirmative votes are necessary. There is a large margin of 34 Republican votes above that figure. It may be hard, or, indeed, impossible to reduce the number of friends of the measure present when the decisive vote is taken below 65. But miracles are wrought in politics sometimes. We have seen performances bordering on the supernatural in relation to this very measure heretofore, and such may be the case again. Let its friends be watchful. In the Senate there are 16 Republicans and Americans—exactly the number required to pass the bill. Perhaps the measure may be doomed to perish in this narrow pass. But there is hope while life remains.

FROM KANSAS—HANGING OF MARSHAL WOOD CONTRADICTED.—The Missouri Democrat of the 11th has telegraphic dispatches from Kansas contradicting the report that Deputy-Marshal Wood had been hanged by "Old Brown."

The Late Earl of Ripon.

The *America* brings the news of the death of this nobleman, once prominent in the politics of England, but who, for several years past, had withdrawn altogether from public life.

Lord RIPON was the second son of the Countess DE GREY, and the younger brother of the present Earl of that title. He first distinguished himself in the House of Commons during the great war with NAPOLEON, as a Tory member of the most conservative stamp. In 1816 he introduced a celebrated resolution prohibiting the importation of corn whenever the price should fall below 80s the quarter, which laid the foundation for the most oppressive features of the Corn Laws, subsequently enacted. In 1824, as Chancellor of the Exchequer, he did his best to silence the growing clamor for Reform in Parliamentary representation, by bringing in a budget which painted the actual condition of the country in hues so roseate and smiling, as to earn for him the soubriquet of "Prosperity Robinson." The people were starving and muttering revolution, but the Chancellor assured them they were the most fortunate of mankind, and that nothing could be more absurd than to suppose they wanted any change in their happy Constitution. In 1827, having been raised to the peerage as Viscount GODERICH, he became Colonial Secretary in Mr CANNING's Cabinet, and in the same year succeeded to the Premiership, on the sudden death of that illustrious statesman and orator. Lord GODERICH held office only for a few months, for the tempest of Reform was fast rising; and Tories and Whigs alike were preparing for a final grapple of principles, which demanded leaders on either side of a more audacious and uncompromising temper. He resigned at Christmas in favor of the Duke of WELLINGTON; and contented himself with opposing in his seat, as a Peer, a movement which the Peers were unable to stop. In 1833 he was raised a step in the peerage, and took the Earldom of Ripon.

The deceased Earl was born in 1783, and leaves one son to inherit his title and his large estates. This son, the present Earl of RIPON, had already made a distinguished name for himself in the House of Commons, in which, under his title of Lord GODERICH, he has sat, first for Huddersfield, and lately for the West Riding of Yorkshire, which great constituency will now be forced to find a new representative. The new Lord RIPON is one of the most liberal, not to say Democratic, members of the English nobility, and in the new sphere to which he has been called will hold a more conspicuous position than ever, as a champion of free principles and of sound progress. He is still a young man, having been born in 1827, and to the left to yet another title and to the vast property of his uncle, the Earl DE GREY.

NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

From Boston.

A MEDAL FROM THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT—MURDER AT SEA—NAVAL AFFAIRS.

BOSTON, Tuesday, Feb. 15.

A handsome gold medal, received through Lord NAPIER, by the Collector of Boston, has been duly presented, bearing the following inscription: "The British Government to Captain CHARLES PEARSON, of ship *Concord*, of Boston, for saving the crew of the bark *Lady Campbell* in 1858."

Before United States Commissioner DEXTER, to-day, JOHN BAHAN, seaman, was arraigned, charged with the murder of a shipmate named HENRY CRAIG, on board the ship *Siam*, on the voyage home from Manilla. The examination was continued until to-morrow.

The officers and crew of the United States ship *St. Marys*, at Acapulco, have contributed one hundred and thirty dollars to the Mount Vernon purchase, and remitted the same to the Ladies' Mount Vernon Association.

The gun-boat, No. 3, built for the United States Navy, was successfully launched from Charlestown Navy-yard to-day. She is of nine hundred tons and will mount eight broadside guns and carry a heavy shell gun on a pivot amidships.

The gun boat built at Portsmouth, N. H., of similar tonnage and armament was also successfully launched to-day.

A petition was received by the Legislature to-day from a stockholder of the Brighton Bank, Brighton, to annul the Charter of said Bank for alleged illegal conduct in financial operations by its officers.

Fight in the Indiana Senate.

INDIANAPOLIS, In., Tuesday, Feb. 15.

A collision occurred in the Senate this morning between Senators GOODNE and HERRON, in consequence of some personal remarks made by both in the Senate some days ago. During the fight a brother of GOODNE interfered and struck HERRON on the head with a cane, wounding him severely. Otherwise little damage was done to either party. Both were armed, but had no opportunity to use their weapons. The excitement in the Senate during the difficulty was intense.

Rhode Island Republican Convention.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Tuesday, Feb. 15.

The Republicans held a Convention in this city to-day, for the purpose of nominating candidates for State officers and members of Congress. THOMAS G. TURNER, now Lieutenant-Governor, was nominated for Governor, the present Executive declining to be a candidate for reflection.

WM. D. BRAYTON, now in Congress from the Western District, was renominated. THOMAS DAVIS, Sen., years ago a Democratic representative, was nominated in the place of N. B. DURFEE.

The Southern Mails.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Feb. 16.

The mails from all points South, as late as due, is received.

The New-Orleans *Picayune*, of the 9th inst., notices the arrival of $411,000 in specie from Brazos.

Dr. THOMAS JOHNSON, a distinguished physician of Richmond, and once Professor in the Virginia University, died on Sunday. He was considered one of the first anatomists of the age.

Forgery at Hartford.

HARTFORD, Conn., Tuesday, Feb. 15.

Dr. L. P. BROCKETT, formerly of the firm of BROCKETT & HUTCHINSON, booksellers of this city, was arrested this afternoon for forgery. The paper forged is mostly held by several banks and individuals of this city. The amount of paper now out is from $15,000 to $20,000. Dr. BROCKETT has heretofore been looked upon as a man of strict integrity.

Canadian Parliament.

TORONTO, C. W., Tuesday, Feb. 15.

The Parliamentary debate on the Governor's speech closed this morning, and all the clauses of the address in reply thereto were carried by majorities ranging from 5 to 50. The address was presented to the Governor to-day.

The Slave-trade.

SAVANNAH, Monday, Feb. 14.

The Grand Jury have found true bills against Messrs. SILVAS and MARNE, the consignees, and Mr. CASTEGNARA, the Captain, of the bark *Angelita*, recently here on suspicion of being fitted up for the Slave-trade.

Connecticut Politics.

HARTFORD, Tuesday, Feb. 15.

Mr. ALVIN P. HYDE, of Tolland, was nominated, to-day, by a vote of 104 out of 196, as the Democratic nominee for Congress, in the First District of this State.

Arrival of the Indian at Portland.

PORTLAND, Me., Tuesday, Feb. 15.

The steamship *Indian*, from Liverpool on the 2d ult., arrived here at noon to-day. Her news has been anticipated by the *America* at Halifax.

THE INDIAN'S MAIL.

BOSTON, Saturday, Feb. 12.

The foreign newspaper bag for the Associated Press by the *Indian*, which arrived at Portland about noon to-day, was promptly forwarded per Western Express, and reached Boston early this evening. The news has been fully anticipated from Halifax. The mails by this arrival will be dispatched south by the 6 o'clock train to-morrow, and be due in New-York the same evening about 5 o'clock.

Sailing of the America for Boston.

HALIFAX, Tuesday, Feb. 15.

The Royal Mail Steamship *America* sailed from here at 4 o'clock this morning, for Boston, where she will be due to-morrow (Wednesday) at about noon.

Weather Reports.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Feb. 15.

BALTIMORE.—Cloudy.
WASHINGTON.—Raining; warm. Wind S. W.
PITTSBURGH.—Raining. Ther. 52°.
BOSTON.—Ther. 44°. Wind E.
LOUISVILLE.—Cloudy. Ther. 49°.
KNOXVILLE.—Cloudy. Ther. 40°.
BANGOR.—Cloudy. Ther. 42°.
CHATTANOOGA.—Cloudy. Ther. 51°.
NEW-ORLEANS.—Cloudy. Ther. 66°. Wind S.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

BOARD OF THE GOVERNORS.—At the meeting of the Board, yesterday, Governor SEYMOUR presided, in the absence of the President. From the weekly returns which were read, it appears that the number of inmates in the various institutions is 9,502, of whom 2,323 have been removed by death and imprisonment, and 6,179 remain. The bill of A. P. RICHARDS, for oysters furnished to Bellevue Hospital, from Sept. 22 to Jan. 27, amounting to $173 71, was presented. It had not the indorsement of the Warden of the Hospital, who, it was stated, had refused to sign it. It was referred back to the Warden. The Board adopted a resolution directing that all Wardens who shall neglect to comply with the terms of the resolution, previously passed by the Board, providing that no poultry, goats, pigs, &c., shall be kept by the Wardens, by the 17th inst., be forthwith discharged. Governor B. F. FLOWER presented a preamble and resolutions reciting that the Board of Aldermen had adopted a resolution requesting the Counsel to the Corporation to inform the Aldermen what, if any, power the Common Council or Supervisors have to supervise the management of the institutions under the charge of the Ten Governors, and directing that the Common Council be requested to examine the books and affairs of the Department, and that the Committee on the Almshouse of both Boards of the Common Council be requested to investigate fully all the affairs of the Department. The resolutions were adopted and the Board adjourned to Tuesday.

INVENTORS AND EXHIBITORS MEETING.—A small meeting of the promoters of the Fair of the American Union of Inventors and Exhibitors was held last evening, in Cooper Institute. JAMES ROGERS was appointed to preside, and Dr. MOORE as Secretary. Several persons freed their minds upon the subject of the Fair of the Union, and a Committee was finally appointed to draft resolutions, which retired and soon returned with a lengthy report, recommending a new organization, and also calling on the officers of the Union—first, to resign; second, to surrender all the books and papers in their possession; and, thirdly, to give an account of their stewardship. Mr. TUMBER and Mr. RIKER, the officers referred to, replied that it would be impossible for them to comply with all these requests at the same time. They, however, promised to make and publish a full statement of all affairs pertaining to the interests of the inventors interested to them as soon as they could remove the machinery and effects from the building in Broadway. A substitute embodying this request of the officers was finally adopted, and the meeting adjourned in better humor than when they began.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTH-DAY.—The customary appropriation for the celebration of WASHINGTON'S birthday has not yet been made by the Common Council, and the honoring of the 127th anniversary of that event will devolve upon private associations and the military. Arrangements have already been extensively made, suitably to honor the event. The Hon. JOHN MINOR BOTTS, of Virginia, will deliver an oration at the Academy of Music, before the Order of United Americans, on which occasion there will be music by the Harmonic Society, assisted by Mr. BARROW and Wallace's Band. The 7th, 8th, 11th, 55th and 71st Regiments of New-York State Militia will parade—the 11th appearing in their new uniform. The 7th will banquet at the La Farge House. In the evening there will be a ball at the City Assembly Rooms, of the Young Men's Democratic Union Club.

FIRES.—About 7 o'clock yesterday morning a fire was discovered in the fourth story of the tenement house No. 230 West Thirty-second-street, which was extinguished with trifling damage. The fire is said to have been caused by the carelessness of a woman who went to bed leaving a candle burning near the window curtains. A slight disturbance occurred between Engine Companies Nos. 1 and 5, after leaving the fire, but it was soon stopped by the intervention of the Police. A little after 2 o'clock yesterday morning a fire broke out in a stable on Seventh-avenue, between Fifty-third and Fifty-fourth streets, owned and occupied by BERNARD ROSENSTEIN, which also extended to a small dwelling house adjoining, and both buildings were consumed. A cow and fifty bales of hay were also burnt with the stable. Loss estimated at $400; insured in Citizens' Insurance Co.

THE SPIRITUALISM SCANDAL.—The examination in the case of NELSON J. HOWE, charged with committing a rape upon the person of Mrs. MARY H. MORRILL at a boarding-house in this City eighteen months since, while his victim was in a "trance" state, was commenced before Justice QUACKENBUSH, yesterday, at the Jefferson Market Police Court. Mrs. MORRILL was put upon the stand and examined at length by the defendant's counsel, but nothing new was elicited different from what had already been published as forming the basis of her charge. She is a woman of about 40 years of age, and appeared in Court dressed in deep mourning and wearing a thick veil. Her answers were given in a very deliberate manner, and with apparent candor. The examination will be continued.

CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT.—JOHN COLE, a seaman on board the ship *Sultana*, complained against GEORGE F. FERNSALD, the mate, for cruel and unusual punishment. The abuse complained of occurred on the 2d inst. The case came before Mr Commissioner Morton yesterday, and Captain BARNET and the pilot gave their testimony. It appears that Cole came aft, and asked to be allowed a fire in the steerage passenger's galley, but on being refused, remarked that the vessel was a "lousy, poorhouse ship." Hereupon he was ordered off the poop, and in going down the ladder fell and cut his lip. Mr. HINKLEY, the pilot, testified that the mate did not strike COLE. The case stands adjourned to to-day.

AN AFFAIR OF HONOR BETWEEN TWO WRITERS FOR THE SUNDAY PRESS.—It is reported that two gentlemen, well known through their connection with the weekly papers of this City, having arrived at a serious misunderstanding while in a drinking saloon down town, are about to settle the difficulty by a resort to the code. The report goes that G. A. asserted something derogatory to the character of N. S., and to which N. S. took exception, and a challenge followed. It is understood that the parties are to meet at daybreak this morning and take a shot at each other, unless their friends decide upon substituting a correspondence. It is further stated that "there is a lady in the case."

CENTRAL PARK REPORT.—The annual report of the President of the Board of the Central Park, the Hon. ANDREW H. GREEN, shows that the receipts since the organization of the Commission, May 1, 1857, have been $608,712 24, and the expenditures $585,302 27, leaving a balance of $23,943 97 on hand Jan. 1, 1859. It is now presumed that the Park will be completed about a year from next Fall, at a cost, judging from the past rate of expenditures, of $2,225,000.

REFORM IN THE POLICE UNIFORM.—Mr. JAMES W. GERARD has published a suggestion that the Police should be allowed to adopt a cape of oil-skin or India-rubber, by way of protection in the prevailing rains and snows of our changeable climate, since they are not permitted to use an extra overcoat or umbrella, by night or day. The idea is borrowed from the employment of this article of dress by the Police of London, where it is found of great service against prevailing damps and fogs.

TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE MOON.—Those who get up early enough to-morrow morning will see a sight worth leaving their beds for, provided a fog or clouds do not eclipse the moon more effectually than the almanacs say the earth will. Between 4 and 5 o'clock the eclipse will be the most perfect, as it will be total. In August there is to be another total lunar eclipse, but it will not be visible here.

BALL OF THE TOOMEY GUARD.—A pleasant gathering of Alderman TOOMEY's personal adherents and political admirers occurred last night, at Niblo's—the occasion being the third annual ball of the Michael Toomey Guard. There was a large representation of [illegible] charming display of the fair sex, and a good time [illegible]

MEETING IN BEHALF OF THE POOR.—A public meeting will be held this evening, at [illegible] Broadway, to consider the extent, nature and increase of pauperism in this City, and to suggest remedies. It is expected that Mayor WOOD will preside, and that Rev. H. W. BEECHER and others will speak.

DESTRUCTION OF SOUND STEAMER.—The steamer Commonwealth was destroyed one hour yesterday by an accident upon the Railroad. The cars from Boston run off the track, causing, however, little damage, and no injury to passengers except the unexpected detention.

REFUSED.—MILES DOTY, who was expelled from the Fire Department by the Fire Commissioners, a few evenings since, was a member of Hose Company No. 4, not of 17, as was hitherto stated. He was expelled on complaint of No. 17.

SLIPPERY STREETS.—A girl, at service in New-Brunswick, N. J., named CATHARINE COSGRO, slipped and fell, last Saturday morning, on the sidewalk, foot of Cortlandt-street, by which her ankle was very much dislocated.

Police Reports.

HOBWAY, ROBBERY AND ASSAULT.—A man named MATTHEW C. FOX, a resident of Troy, New-York, at present stopping at Wright's Hotel, was robbed of a gold watch yesterday morning, under the following circumstances: Mr. Fox was [illegible] streets about 1 o'clock in the morning, when he encountered three strangers [illegible] with him, and invited him into a [illegible] After leaving the saloon the parties all [illegible] together until they came to Grand-street, when Mr. Fox felt some one quitting at his watch chain, and, in putting his hand to his pocket, found his watch was missing. He accused one of the party, who had hold of his arm at the time, with having taken it, whereupon the accused struck him a blow on the head. Mr. Fox returned the blow, and, seizing the ruffian by the collar, held on to him until a gentleman, named BARNES, who had witnessed the transaction, procured a Policeman, who took the robber to the Station-house. He was brought before Justice WELSH, yesterday, and committed to answer, on a charge of highway robbery. He gave his name WILLIAM GENTZ, and is well known to the Police. The watch is supposed to have been passed to the hands of his comrades, who escaped before the officer arrived.

BURGLARIES.—A man named John Whalen was committed, yesterday, by Justice WELSH on a charge of entering the premises of A. G. VANWINKLE & Co., paper dealers, No. 9 Spruce-street, in company with two other men, and stealing therefrom a coat and pair of boots and paper to the value of $60. The premises were entered through the basement door. Officer Blackwell arrested the prisoner soon after the burglary, and found the coat and boots in his possession. Another attempt at burglary was made by two unknown persons on Monday night, at the liquor store of Jas. GENARD, No. 695 Washington-street. Mr. GENARD remained at his store rather later than usual, and as he was about leaving he saw two men rolling a cask of whisky out of his basement door. On being detected the burglars immediately jumped into a wagon, which they had in waiting near by and drove off before a policeman could be found.

THE LATE ROBBERY IN BROOME-STREET.—Chas. Cohn, a brother of the person charged with robbing the jewelry store of Mr. HERMAN, in Broome-street, of $4,000 worth of jewelry, was yesterday arrested on a charge of being implicated in the theft. It was found that he had pawned $800 worth of the jewelry at SIMPSON'S for $50, and disposed of the ticket for $10. He has since been to Philadelphia and returned yesterday. The jewelry was recovered, and Cohn locked up. He says his brother sailed for Europe on Saturday.

THE CHEAP JOHN FIRE.—AN examination was held yesterday, by Justice CORNELIUS, in the case of Henry Ramak, arrested on the 5th inst. for setting fire to his store in Chatham-street, known as "Cheap John's." The prisoner was held to bail in the sum of $2,000, to answer the charge of arson at the Court of General Sessions.

ARRESTED ON SUSPICION.—A colored youth, 14 years of age, named Thomas Smith, was arrested yesterday by Fire-Marshal Baker, on suspicion of having set fire to the stable of Bernhardt Rochfeld, in Seventh-avenue, on Monday night.

STEALING SKATES.—Michael Driscoll was arrested yesterday for stealing a pair of skates from a boy as he was going home from the Central Park Pond. It is said that a gang of young rowdies have long been in the habit of lying in wait for boys returning from the Park and robbing them of their skates.

BROOKLYN INTELLIGENCE.

The Late Mercantile Library Election.

THE CHARGE AGAINST MR. CLARK, PRINCIPAL OF PUBLIC SCHOOL, NO. 13.

The excitement at the recent election of officers for the Brooklyn Mercantile Library, is doubtless well remembered. The election over, the defeated party accused the successful ones of unfair dealing. Among other charges, was one made against Mr. A. B. CLARK, Principal of Public School No. 13, for surreptitiously making between sixty and seventy boys members of the Association, with a view to influence the election. This complaint was made to the Board of Education, and a Special Committee consisting of Messrs. CROWELL, JOHN G. BERGEN, and PAULDING, was appointed to investigate and report. The Committee met on Monday evening last, when the following testimony was taken:

The first statement was made by *Walter S. Gere*; he was not, he said, a signer of the communication in which the complaint is made; he took an active interest in the election; he saw boys at 10 o'clock, A. M., of the day on which the election was held, at the polls with votes in their hands; one of them told him that he belonged to Public School No. 13, and that Mr. Clark was the Principal; did not know the boy's name; a boy named George Cressler or Creswell said he was made a member of the Brooklyn Mercantile Library Association, Mr. Clark gave him his certificate; he said that Mr. C. also gave him tickets to vote; this was at 4½ o'clock, P. M., before the polls opened; witness asked him who he was going to vote for, and he shook his head saying he should vote the "Chapman ticket."

To Mr. Bergen—The boys told me they went to School No. 13; they had their books with them, as though they had just come from school, but as to that the witness could not say; there were some twenty or thirty boys there from the same school at that time.

Chairman—Mr. Capwell, do you wish to cross-examine this witness.

Mr. Capwell—No, Sir.

Thomas Lee, who attends No. 13, was next examined; says he was made a member on the 15th of January; that was the date of his certificate, he was sure.

Q.—How were you made a member? A.—The first I heard of the matter was, Mr. Clark brought a paper from the library, and said those who wished to become members could sign that paper; he said a man had kindly offered to make us members for three months; it was a piece of blank paper he asked us to sign; it was in school hours he brought the paper in—about a week before the voting; I put my name to the paper.

To Mr. Bergen—He said nothing about voting, only that there would be an election next Tuesday—(laughter.)

Q.—Were you instructed how to vote? A.—No; we were not instructed at all how to vote; what I state occurred in school hours.

To Mr. Crowell—Mr. Clark would not tell us who this kind gentleman was; we asked him and he would not tell us; I voted in the afternoon, after school; 10 or 20 boys left immediately after the morning exercises, prayer, &c., to vote; Mr. Clark said those who wished to vote could go down there; nothing was said about it, as I heard, until Mr. Clark suggested it; the boys got back a little after ten o'clock; he (Mr. Clark) sent five or six in a body three or four times.

Mr. Paulding—What are the names of some of these boys? A.—Randolph Edwards, Charles (I believe) Kellogg.

Q.—*By Mr. Crowell*—Why did you not go in the morning? A.—I was too far back; he said "the first six boys" could rise; sent half a dozen away three or four times.

Mr. Paulding—Q.—Can you name other boys? A.—There was one named Welding.

To Mr. Bergen—No one said how we should vote; he (Mr. Clark) said that he did not want the boys to vote any different than what they thought best; the boys voted the Chapman ticket so far as I know.

Mr. Paulding—Q.—Did anyone influence your vote? A.—No, Sir.

Mr. Bergen—Q.—Were you in school at any time when there was anybody present interested in the election? A.—No, Sir, I did not see Mr. Hill there. Mr. Clark said the picture ticket was Hill's, and the white the Chapman ticket.

Mr. A. B. Capwell—Q.—Did Mr. Clark give you a ticket? A.—I got my ticket at the polls; don't know who from; some man standing there with tickets.

Mr. Hill—Q.—Did Mr. Clark tell the boys not to listen to Mr. Hill if he attempted to speak to them out of doors? A.—He told us not to listen to him, and if he attempted to speak to us to pass right on.

Mr. Hill—Q.—Were the boys not given to understand by Mr. Clark that I had insulted and wronged him and the school? A.—He said that Mr. Hill had basely accused the school of bribery.

Mr. Capwell—Q.—Did Mr. Clark make use of this language in your presence? A.—He did; it was the day Mr. Hill was there, and just after Mr. Clark had read an article in the *Tribune* signed Henry Hill.

Mr. Hill—Q.—Did Mr. Clark draw up a card for you all to sign? A.—He did, Sir.

Mr. Bergen—Q.—What day was that? A.—It was on the day of the election.

Q.—What do you understand by bribery? A.—I understand, from what Mr. Clark said, that it was something terrible.

To Mr. Crowell—The card we signed was published.

At this stage of the proceedings Mr. Henry Hill said, if it was in order, he would like to make a brief statement.

Mr. Capwell said if any statement was to be made he would like that the boys be examined first.

Mr. Hill—I have no objection to that, any time.

Charles Ford, examined—Did not sign the paper referred to, and was not made a member by them.

(The next portion of this witness' testimony was, in substance, the same as the last.)

Witness—Heard Mr. Clark say that Mr. Hill had accused us of bribery; heard Mr. Clark tell the teacher in our room to send up six or seven of the good boys at a time, and told them not to be gone more than fifteen minutes; they were gone longer than that; is a member of Miss Nichols' class.

Mr. Paulding—Q.—I suppose that was a reward for good behavior? A.—Yes, Sir.

Mr. Bergen—Q.—How long were they gone? A.—About an hour; they went up to the library; the names of some of these boys are Frederick Mason, George Curtis, Thomas Finn, Edward Rogers, Chas. Dodge.

To Mr. Paulding—Thirty-one boys were made members from our room, and thirty-one in the other room—sixty-two in all; only seven went to vote from our room during school hours; all of the boys did not vote.

To Mr. Capwell—I don't know of but one boy who did not vote, but I suppose there were others; some said they would not vote; that they would have nothing to do with it after Mr. Hill was there.

To Mr. Hill—Q.—Did Mr. Clark tell you not to tell anybody that the boys were made members? A.—Mr. Clark said at the time they were made members not to tell any one, at home or in the street, that they were made members; not to tell it home if they could help it; this morning he said to the boys that he didn't mean not to tell my parents, for they should be told everything; he said this day morning when asking them about joining the book-keeping class—that they must consult their parents.

Mr. Hill—Was anything said about voting? A.—He said that he did not know anything about either of the candidates until Mr. Hill came there, and was undecided how to vote, but now he should vote for the best man.

By Mr. Hill—Q.—What did Mr. Clark tell the scholars? A.—He told them that all would have the privilege of voting the same as the older members; he said that he understood that there was an election.

Q.—Do you know who paid the money for these boys? A.—The boys said it was Mr. Capwell who made them members; saw him there.

Mr. Capwell—Q.—When did you see me there? A.—The morning before Mr. Clark asked us to sign the paper. Thomas McDermott said Mr. Capwell made the boys members.

To Mr. Hill—The boys got the tickets at the polls; Mr. Clark said that he had intended to distribute both of the tickets, but as none but Mr. Hill's tickets had been handed in, he would not distribute either; he was afraid, he said, if he did so they would think him partial, and was glad that he had nothing to do with it.

To Mr. Hill—I did not see any Hill tickets myself; did not see any tickets at all.

By Mr. Bergen—*Thomas Lee*, recalled—Q.—Did you see any tickets there? A.—Saw Mr. Clark have two or three of each kind.

Charles Ford, resumed—The tickets were handed in, I was told, the second hour of the school.

Thomas Lee, recalled—Mr. Clark told us not to speak of us being made members even at home.

By Mr. Capwell—Q.—When was this? A.—It was two or three days after we signed the paper; it was before the election; he did not say, to my knowledge, that they must not say anything about it, because he did not know who would be made members; he said it before we were made members but after we had signed the paper.

John Worth, a Junior A in Public School No. 13; was made a member; voted after school hours; there were four or five scholars dismissed to vote during school hours; all witness knew about the matter was Mr. Clark came into the room and said that he should vote the "Chapman" ticket, but we could vote for just who we liked; he told us to keep still about being made members, and not to tell our parents about it; he told us this on election day, before twelve o'clock. I am sure he said it—the whole class was in at the time; no doubt the whole school heard what he said; there are about fifty boys in this class—average attendance forty, perhaps.

Mr. Henry Hill—The day before the election I understood from a boy named Emery Bemis, (I believe that is his name—Bemis certain,) that a large number of boys at a school which he called his school, (but which since, I learned, the boy left last Summer,) had been made members of the Mercantile Library and were going to vote the "Chapman" ticket; I ascertained that it was School No. 13, and went to see the teacher, Mr. A. B. Clark; he admitted to me that about sixty boys had very shortly before been made members of the Library by some person who had called at the school and had paid the money to make them members; he refused to give the name of the party who had negotiated the transaction with him; (Mr. Hill here said that he was not quite certain whether Mr. Clark said that the man called or not;) he had himself informed the boys, he said, that by handing in their names they would be members; I asked the privilege of addressing the school, remarking that I had great faith in the honesty of boys, and wanted to say something to prevent the boys from going in a mass to the polls to vote against me; he refused me the privilege; I said that I could address them outside, and he could not prevent it after the school had closed; but I did not address nor in any way influence them, and know of no tickets with my name on having been sent to the school, and don't believe there were any—not by the party to which I belong; I made some remark which I intended to be severe, and left.

To Mr. Paulding—I don't think any of the scholars heard me.

Charles Ford, recalled by Mr. Clark—Q.—When the subject was first named, and I remarked that the boys might become members, did I not say as many as parents allowed them? A.—No.

Q.—Did you recollect all I said this morning? A.—Yes.

Q.—Did you sign the paper? A.—No.

Q.—Why did you not sign? A.—I wished to ask my parents; some boys said they would not belong if they could not ask their parents; Mr. Clark did not say anything about the parents; I understood him to say something about not knowing how many certificates would be wanted.

Charles Lee, recalled and examined by Mr. Clark—Q.—Did I not make a remark that those boys would be made members whose parents wished it? A.—I do not recollect it.

Q.—In remarks made after Mr. Hill called, did I not say that I knew nothing of the candidates? A.—I don't know. You told the boys to listen to nobody, but specially to Mr. Hill; I voted after school hours.

John Worth, recalled and examined by Mr. Clark—The subject was mentioned about one week before election; the Principal's reason was that he thought the boys might not get all their certificates; I got an impression that I was not to speak to my father about it; had no impression that I would be called on to vote when I was made a member; did not understand that I was under obligations to vote; on the morning of the election I heard Mr. Clark say that boys could vote.

Q.—Did I inquire if any one had named the subject of voting? A.—I forget.

Q.—Did I not ask if the charge of Mr. Hill was true? [No answer.] Did not know what the paper contained I signed.

Mr. W. T. Patridge stated as follows—At the request of Mr. Hill I called on Mr. Clark the afternoon preceding the election at his house; he said some sixty had been made members; we had a long conversation about the facts; Mr. Clark stated that he had not influenced the boys, but they must be their own judges how to vote; called in company with Franklin Woodruff and George R. Noyes; Mr. Clark told me that he knew nothing of the candidates and had not made up his mind which way he should vote; I am informed by two well-known and highly respected citizens of Brooklyn that Mr. Clark told them the previous week he should vote the regular ticket; C. J. Sprague was one of them. (Mr. Clark denied making the statement at all;) Mr. Patridge continued—Mr. Clark gave the impression that he had not made up his mind.

To Mr. Hill—Mr. Clark said he was not at liberty to tell who was to pay the money.

To Mr. Capwell—I became a member at the annual meeting.

Q.—Did you not pay money over the rails on the day of election to make members? A.—Paid no money there except $5 for self.

Mr. Clark, examined by Mr. Bergen—Thought some eight or ten boys left after the school commenced, who had come early to the school.

Mr. Capwell made the following statement: He had said nothing to any of the boys; had not visited the school with that design; had not paid any money, and had done nothing in the matter; had nothing to do about surreptitiously making members.

To Mr. Hill—Had a conversation with Mr. Clark as to whether it could be proper for him to allow boys to become members, the money being paid by others. Declined answering whether he knew that money had been paid by any one.

At this point the Committee adjourned for one week.

REAL ESTATE.—Very large sales of real estate have taken place in this city during the last few weeks, and most of the property has gone into the hands of those who design to make permanent improvements. Comparatively, only a small portion has been bought on speculation. In the Eastern District the Conselyea estate was sold in small parcels short time ago, at prices satisfactory to the purchasers. On Monday the Clayton Scholes estate was put under the hammer, mostly in single lots, and after selling some 22 lots, the prices ranged so low that the sale was stopped. The property sold on Monday brought nearly $19,000. The lowest price any one lot sold for, was one in Ross-street, near Myrtle-avenue, for $245. The highest price paid was for one lot on Lee-avenue, corner of Keap-street, which brought $1,850. This property is on Kent, Myrtle, Bedford and Lee avenues, Broadway and Ross, Keap and Rodney streets. Another estate, embracing 75 lots belonging to the Stockholm family, located in the Eighteenth Ward, on Bushwick and Evergreen avenues and vicinity, is also to be put up in a few days. In the more thickly-settled portions of the city, particularly in the Western District, sales of single lots for immediate improvement are made.

THE BROOKLYN ACADEMY OF MUSIC—MASS MEETING.—In obedience to a call, issued by the Citizens' Committee appointed some months ago, to inquire as to the expediency of erecting an Academy of Music in Brooklyn, and solicit subscription for that purpose, a public meeting was held in the Athenæum, Monday evening. A. A. Low was placed in the Chair, and Dr. COXE HULL acted as Secretary. The Committee reported that they had had subscribed $91,000 and that the project was considered feasible. The Committee have fixed upon no location as yet, but consider that the proposed building should be located near the City Hall. Addresses were made by Prof. CHEEVER, the Rev. Dr. KENNEDY, Prof. RAYSOND, the Rev. Dr. STORRS and the Rev. Mr. MILBURN, after which a subscription was taken up. SETH J. EASTMAN subscribed $1,000; W. C. RUSSELL, $250. Mr. Low said that he was authorized to subscribe $500 for a lady, and in all some $7,000 was subscribed within a few minutes. The meeting was respectable in character and size, and much enthusiasm prevailed.

THE POOR.—Some idea can be formed of the amount of relief extended to the poor in Kings County, by the Superintendent of the Poor, from the fact that, on an average, about 60 families a day have been furnished with provisions, or coal, or both, every day this Winter. The office is in the basement of the City Hall, and, notwithstanding the great increase of applications for assistance, everything is conducted with the greatest regularity, and satisfaction is given to all reasonable people.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.—The annual meeting of the Brooklyn Board of Education, the Hon. CYRUS P. SMITH in the Chair, was held last evening. After reading and approving the minutes, the Chairman announced that the first business was to elect officers. The following were elected without opposition: *President*—Cyrus P. Smith, reelected; *Vice-President*—John G. Bergen; *Superintendent of Public Schools*—J. W. Bulkley, reelected; *Secretary*—Geo. W. A. Stewart, reelected; *Clerk*—Henry Dean, reelected; *Messenger*—John Ackhurst, reelected. "Mary Ann" received one vote for Clerk, but the election was made unanimous.

THE BABY CASE AGAIN.—The case of PETERSON was before the City Court in another shape yesterday. The husband having neglected or refused maintenance for child in dispute to the wife as directed, he was brought before the Court on a writ of habeas corpus, with the child. The child was found in Harlem. Owing to the absence of Mrs. Peterson the case was postponed. In the meantime the child was ordered into the custody of Deputy-Sheriff RENNER, who has instructions to permit both parents to visit at freely.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.—It is understood that immediate steps will be taken to reduce and reorganize the Fire Department of the Western District; and that, as a beginning, a report will be submitted to the Common Council, at its next meeting, in favor of disbanding Hose Company No. 4, and reorganizing Engine Company No. 13 as a Hose Company. The movement will meet with the most strenuous opposition.

CHESS.—Mr. WM. C. COX, a resident of Brooklyn, and GEORGE H. BURNS, Esq., the acknowledged "Morphy" of Chicago, are engaged in a game of chess—stakes, $500. The moves are telegraphed each way. The game is reported at the Brooklyn Club Room as it progresses.

FERRY AND WATER RIGHTS.—The Law Committee of the Common Council have retained as Counsel, to look after the interests of Brooklyn in the Ferry and Water-Rights controversy, Messrs. Peter CHARLES O'CONOR and W. C. PRIME.

MARION PARK.—The act before the Legislature creating a Park in the Eastern District to be called "Marion Park," is being strongly remonstrated against by many property holders whose property is adjacent to the proposed site.

BURGLARY.—On Sunday night the residence of J. DECKER, No. 206 Bridge-street, was entered by thieves, who forced open a basement window. They carried away property valued at $50.

BROOKLYN CITY HOSPITAL.—Thirteen patients were admitted into this Institution last week, and eight were discharged, leaving 127 under treatment for various diseases and injuries.

ENDED.—The strike of the Coopers in the Eastern District is ended. The men have all accepted the wages heretofore offered.

The Connecticut Bank Case.

THE FACTS OF THE CASE—MR. JONES REMANDED TO THE CUSTODY OF THE OFFICER OF THE COURT OF SESSIONS.

Yesterday, a new phase occurred in the case of Mr. JONES, whose arrest at the Metropolitan Hotel we have already noticed. An attempt to take him to Connecticut was frustrated by the intervention of the officer in whose custody he was originally held, and he was returned to the City for examination. The whole history of this case is briefly told.

JONES was arrested in this City in December, 1857, by Officer BARYCOZ. The Bank Commissioners of Connecticut being in town declined making a complaint, and Mr. JONES was discharged. The amount alleged to have been abstracted from the Bank was $70,000. The Bank officers, however, have never claimed that the discrepancy exceeded $5,000.

After the discharge of Mr. JONES, no further action was taken until the 7th of this month, when he was again arrested on a warrant issued by Recorder BARNARD, based upon a separate charge, unconnected with the Bank affair, and was held in custody by an officer of the Court of Sessions, at the Metropolitan Hotel. On Monday evening, Mr. JONES' room at the Metropolitan Hotel was entered by the detective officers by whom he was arrested on the original warrant issued in December, 1857, although he had once been discharged upon the warrant. At the time of the arrest, on Monday, Mr. JONES informed the officers that he was already in custody; but this plea did not avail. He submitted to the arrest quietly; was taken from one Station-house to another, and was refused access to his friends or counsel. At an early hour yesterday morning, the detectives took him to Harlem in a carriage, intending to put him upon the first train for New-Haven, and were in the act of so doing when the officer from whose custody he had been taken, stepped off the train and took him. This officer was accompanied by Mr. WARREN LELAND, Mr. WILCOX, Mr. DUFFY and one other gentleman, and not by Recorder BARNARD, as was erroneously stated by an evening paper yesterday. Mr. JONES was brought back to the City, and taken before Recorder BARNARD, who set down his examination for this (Wednesday) morning, at 10 o'clock.

Fire at Flushing, L. I.

On Sunday morning, about 5½ o'clock, fire was discovered issuing from the boot and shoe store of JACOB REMER, situated on Main-street, in Flushing village; but by the timely arrival of the Fire Department the fire was soon got under; not, however, until the stock of Mr. REMER was damaged to the amount of $1,500. The stock was insured in the Brooklyn Insurance Company for $2,000, and Excelsior for $2,500. The furniture of Mr. REMER was slightly damaged. Insured in the Jersey City Insurance Company for $1,000. The building was owned by Dr. ARMAGNAC BLOOMGOOD, and was damaged to the amount of about $500. Insured in the Howard Insurance Company for $2,000. How the fire originated is unknown, but is supposed to have caught from a stove in the shop in the rear of the store. The family of Mr. REMER, who occupied the second story of the building, barely escaped suffocation.

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FOR SALE, LEASE OR EXCHANGE FOR vacant property, a stone building at Hunter's Point, Long Island, 50x100 feet, suitable for a manufactory or foundry. A steam engine of 60-horse power in good order in the building, and 6 lots attached with water front. Possession immediately. Apply to BOWES & CO., No. 93 Pearl-st.

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BROOKLYN HOUSE FOR SALE OR TO RENT.—The two story, attic house, and two lots, on Quincy-st., four doors east of Clermont-av., only a short distance from the Fulton av. cars. The house contains 12 rooms, and is in complete order; marble mantels, gas, &c. Price, $4,500. Rent, $415. The furniture in the house also for sale. Apply to C. S. SMITH, on the premises, or to O. B. TWEEDY & CO., No. 13 Vesey-st.

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AUCTION SALES.

GEO. C. HAYDOCK, Auctioneer.
TRADE SALE—FLINT GLASS WARE.
ROBERT HAYDOCK
will sell, on
THURSDAY, Feb. 17,
at 10 o'clock, at his
Auction Room, No. 101 Liberty-st.,
3,000 packages French, American and Bohemian Flint Glass Ware.

E. H. LUDLOW, Auctioneer.

VALUABLE PROPERTY ON LEONARD-STREET AT AUCTION.—We would call attention to the sale to be made by E. H. LUDLOW & CO., THIS DAY, (Wednesday,) at 12 o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange, of the valuable lot of ground, together with the buildings thereon, on the north side of Leonard-st., about 177 feet west of Broadway. The plot is 40 feet front on Leonard-st., 27 feet rear, by 195 feet in depth. This property is the first front west of Broadway, and forms the rear boundary of four important Broadway lots. Maps, terms and full particulars at the auctioneer's office, No. 34 Pine-st.

WILLIAM TOPPING & CO., Auctioneers.
SPECIAL SALE
OF
STRAW GOODS.
WILLIAM TOPPING & CO.,
AUCTIONEERS,
will sell, on
THURSDAY, Feb. 17,
at 11 o'clock, at their salerooms,
No. 119 Broadway,
FOUR HUNDRED CASES OF STRAW GOODS,
consisting in part of
125 cases Palm Leaf Hats, a full assortment of all qualities in white and colors.
70 cases ladies' White, drab and brown Bleomers.
75 cases Pedal, Canton, and Leghorn Bonnets, of the latest Spring style.
20 cases fancy Linen and Lace and Straw Bonnets.
25 cases Misses and Children's Hats and Bleomers.
10 cases Ladies' Equestrian Hats, new style.
Also,
Materials for manufacturers and milliners, consisting of Straw Laces, Button Trimming, Edgings, Braids, &c., &c.
Also,
A line of men's and boys' Fur and Wool Soft Hats.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.
THIS DAY,
At 12 o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange, will be sold by ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer,
CANAL AND VARICK STREETS.—The valuable plot of land, with the buildings thereon, situate on the southwest corner of Canal and Varick sts., being 74 feet on Canal-st., and 72 feet on Varick-st.
Also, 33 valuable lots on 22-av., 23d and 24th sts.
Also, at 12½ o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange, $90,000 Indiana 5% cent. and Missouri 6 per cent. Bonds.
Maps, &c., at No. 35 Wall-st.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, AUCTIONEER.
STOCKS AND BONDS.
Will be sold at auction on WEDNESDAY, Feb. 16, at 12½ o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange,
$27,718 Indiana State 5% cent. State Stock, due 1866, interest payable in New-York, January and July.
$2,000 Missouri 6 cent. Bonds, due 1877, interest payable January and July.
Regular sales Wednesday and Saturday.

ANTHONY J. BLEECKER, Auctioneer.
GREAT SALE AT AUCTION TO CLOSE A CONCERN OF MOUNT MORRIS HOMESTEAD LOTS.
A. J. BLEECKER, SON & CO. WILL SELL at auction, on THURSDAY, Feb. 17, 1859, at 12 o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange,
ON 10TH-STREET—6 lots, about 126 feet west 5th-av.
ON NEW-AVENUE—8 lots east side, between 122d and 123d st., and fronting Mount Morris-square.
ON NEW AVENUE—One lot west side, adjoining corner of 124th-st.
4TH-AVENUE—32 lots, between 122d and 123d sts.
6TH-AVENUE—8 lots, between 118th and 123d sts.
7TH-AVENUE—31 lots and gores, between 120th and 124th sts.
11TH-STREET—10 lots and gores, between 5th and 6th ave.
118TH-STREET—14 lots, between 5th and 6th ave.
119TH-STREET—19 lots and gores, between 5th and 7th ave.
120TH-STREET—12 lots, between 6th and 7th ave.
121ST-STREET—24 lots, between 6th and 7th ave.
122D-STREET—17 lots between 6th and 7th ave.
123D-STREET—4 lots, between Mount Morris and 5th-av.
124TH-STREET—8 lots adjoining.
125D-STREET—19 lots, between Mount Morris and 4th-av.
126D-STREET—4 lots, between Mount Morris and 4th-av.
The sale of the whole of the above described property will be ABSOLUTE. The title is indisputable, 6% per cent. can remain. Maps, &c., at No. 7 Broad-st.

A. J. BLEECKER, Auctioneer.
FRIDAY, FEB. 18—AT 12 O'CLOCK, AT THE MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE—EXECUTOR'S SALE ON NORTH MOORE-ST.—The 2-story and attic brick house, (with two-room extension) and lot, No. 18 North Moore-st., e. s., between Hudson and Varick sts.; house contains Croton, baths, &c., in good order; lot 22x75 feet.
ON GREENWICH-AVENUE—The two-story frame house and lot, No. 110.
ON GREENWICH-AVENUE—The 2-story brick house and lot, No. 108 n. s., nearly opposite Jane-st.
ON 13TH-ST. (in rear of the above.)—The two-story brick house and lots, Nos. 162 and 164 West 13th st.; 3 feet on Jane-st.
ON CLARKSON-ST.—Leasehold of the 3 story and basement brick front houses and lots, Nos. 43, 45, and 47 Clarkson-st., n. s., 63.4 east from Greenwich-st.; plot 54.4 front by 50 feet deep. The lease has two years to run at $160 ground rent, with 21 years renewal, or will be taken at a valuation.
ON 20TH-ST.—1 lot 2. s., 207 feet w. 7th-av., 21.6x98.9.
ON BROADWAY, S. W. CORNER 44TH-ST.—4 lots.
ON 46TH-ST. (adjoining above, in the rear) 1 lot, 60 years unexpired, at $120 per annum. Maps, &c., at No. 7 Broad-st.
By order of William Boyd and John Cameron, Executors of James Cameron, deceased.

SEWARD H. LUDLOW, Auctioneer.
POSITIVE SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY IN GOUVERNEUR-SLIP, COURTLANDT AND DEY STS.—An auction, by order of F. W. Gelston, executor, and Phebe Arcularius, executrix, E. H. LUDLOW & CO. will sell at auction, on THURSDAY, Feb. 17, at 12 o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange:
DEY-STREET—The valuable 5-story brick store No. 58 Dey-st., 25 feet front. Also, in the rear on
COURTLANDT-STREET—The extra deep lot, together with the 4-story brick store No. 39 Cortlandt-st., together with buildings in the rear.
GOUVERNEUR-STREET—5 houses and lots south side, 20 feet east of Water-st. Each 20 by 63 feet.
For full particulars of the above property, see our auction column in this paper, and maps, etc., at the Auctioneer's office, No. 14 Pine-st.

A. M. CRIGSLAR, Auctioneer.
MORTGAGE SALE STOCK OF A FANCY STORE, PERFUMERIES, &C.—A. M. CRIGSLAR will sell on THURSDAY, 17th inst., at 12½ o'clock, at No. 39 John-st., a large and varied assortment of fancy goods, consisting in part of backgammon boards, flutes, accordeons, violins, banjos, guitars, large lot of musical instruments, furniture and strings, china and bronze inkstands, toilet-boxes, knives and scissors, brushes, combs, china and bronze ornaments and vases, ladies work-boxes, portable desks, playing cards, satchels and reticules, porte-monnaies, pocket-books, handkerchief extracts, cologne, hair oil, fancy soaps, together with three glass cases.

DANIEL H. BURDETT, Auctioneer.
LARGE STOCK OF LAMPS AT AUCTION.—BURDETT, JONES & CO., will sell, on THURSDAY, the 17th, at 11 o'clock at the store of the late G. M. McCready, Jr., No. 426 Broadway.
(By order of the Administrator.)
Patent fluid, camphene and oil lamps, of plain Britannia and cut glass, with and without astral globes, fast colors, hanging and bracket lamps, fire frames and paper shades, hall lamps, candlesticks, wicking, two fans, rich cut foot marble lamps, rich cut foot lamps, &c., &c. Also, the store fixtures. The stock can be examined at any time before the sale.

J. L. WADEWATER, Auctioneer.
AT THE PAVILION, CASTLETON, Staten Island, by order of the executors of Thomas Hughes, on THURSDAY, Feb. 17, at 12 o'clock, M., all the household furniture contained in the dwelling. Also, bar-room fixtures and contents of the same, brandies, wines and liquors, &c.; also, contents of stable, wagon, cart, harness, &c.; also, a riding-machine, upon Mount Pavilion, known as the Scripture Mechanical Riding School, with the patent rights, together with the four years unexpired lease for the exclusive right and use of said machine in the towns of Castleton or Southfield.

MILLER & MCEVILY, Auctioneers.
PEREMPTORY SALE AT AUCTION.—THE four-story brick house and lot, No. 138 West 43d-st. will be sold at auction, WEDNESDAY, Feb. 23, at 12 M., at the Merchants' Exchange, New-York, by MILLER & MCEVILY. Also, house and lot No. 57 Tillary-st., Brooklyn. Also, house and lot northeast corner of Railroad-av. and 8th-st., Morrisania. Terms easy. For full particulars, apply to LOCKWOOD, LAWRENCE & CROSBY, No. 123 Nassau-st., New-York.

SAMUEL OSGOOD, Auctioneer.
MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF HOTEL FURNITURE—TO MORROW, (Thursday,) at 10½ o'clock, at the Magnet Hotel, No. 22 Ann-st., all the furniture contained in the above building, consisting of bedsteads, hair mattresses, bedding, &c., extension and side tables, chairs, bar and gas fixtures, oil cloths, carpeting, crockery and glass ware, large cooking-stove and fixtures, &c. By order of T. C. HOUGHTON, Mortgagee.

JOHN J. REENIE, Auctioneer.
AUCTION NOTICE.—BY JOHN J. RENNIE, THIS DAY, Feb. 16, commencing at 10½ o'clock, elegant furniture at public auction, at the private residence No. 86 West 11th st., near 5th-av.: therses and carriage, piano-forte, suite of drawing-room furniture, velvet carpets, etagers, bedsteads, bureaus, washstands, hair mattresses, feather beds, blankets, kitchen furniture of every kind. Sale positive, rain or shine.

A. M. CRIGSLAR, Auctioneer.
CONSTABLE'S SALE—STOCK OF STATIONERY, &c.—A. M. CRISTALER will sell, on THURSDAY, 17th inst., at No. 36 John-st., at 11 o'clock, a large lot of letter, post, foolscap and note paper, blank and pass books, school books, pencils, sealing wax, India-rubber, &c., &c. Also, a large lot of wall paper.

A. S. RICHARDS, Auctioneer.
PEREMPTORY SALE OF BOOTS, SHOES, Brogans and Gaiters by RICHARDS & WHITING on WEDNESDAY, Feb. 16th at 10½ o'clock at store No. 42 Cortlandt-st. There will be offered at this sale a great variety of desirable goods adapted both to city and country trade. Catalogues on morning of sale.

J. W. POTTER, Auctioneer.
AUCTION NOTICE.—ELEGANT HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.—THIS DAY, at 10½ o'clock, the entire splendid furniture of the four-story house No. 712 West 140th-st., consisting of the largest and best assortment offered at auction this spring, the whole having cost upwards of $12,000. Sale positive.

HENRY H. LEEDS, Auctioneer—Salesroom, 22 Nassau-st.
HENRY H. LEEDS & CO. WILL SELL AT auction, on WEDNESDAY, Feb. 16, at 11 o'clock, at the salesroom, No. 23 Nassau-st., a beautiful collection of stuffed birds, arranged singly in groups and under glass shades.

JOHN LEVISON, Auctioneer.
OIL PAINTINGS.—THIS MORNING, AT 10½ o'clock, 150 superb pictures, little damaged by salt water, by some of the best European artists; worthy the attention of connoisseurs; at No. 142 Broadway.

SIDNEY DRAPER, Auctioneer.
BY SIDNEY DRAPER, OFFICE NO. 30 Broad-st., Exchange EVERY DAY. Stocks and Bonds bought and sold at private sale. Sales THIS DAY at 12½ o'clock. See catalogue.

FINANCIAL.

THE
MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
OF NEW-YORK.
OFFICE NO. 34 BROADWAY.

The following is a statement of the affairs of the Company for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of January, 1859:

Net Cash assets 1st of February, 1858		$4,434,459 49
Receipts during the year:		
For Premiums	$664,691 56	
For Interest	316,129 96	
For Annuities	2,422 22—$1,383,244 74	
Total		$5,817,703 23
Disbursements during the year:		
Paid claims by death, (including additions,)	$341,588 15	
Reduction of Premiums, Annuities, Commissions	57,436 94	
Surrendered Policies	74,396 61	
Expenses, to wit: Exchange, Postage, Taxes, Printing and Advertising, Stationery, Law Expenses, Medical Examinations, Rent, Salaries, &c.	17,006 22—$490,426 92	
Cash Assets on hand 1st February, 1859		$5,326,276 31
Invested as follows:		
Cash on hand and in Bank	$173,786 69	
Bonds and Mortgages	4,959,665 72	
Due from Agents for moneys collected and in course of transmission	19,819 62—$5,153,272 03	
Interest accrued and deferred Premium account not included in above statement		19,000 00
Number of Policies issued during the year		1,178
Number of Policies in force 1st February, 1859		16,902
Increase in the net cash assets during the year		$764,476 83

I have carefully examined the foregoing statement and believe the same to be correct.
SHEPPARD HOMANS, Actuary.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE
MUTUAL BENEFIT LIFE INSURANCE
COMPANY,
JANUARY 1, 1859.
OFFICE, NO. 181 MARKET-STREET, NEWARK.
AGENCY, NO. 11 WALL-STREET, NEW-YORK.

Balance, per statement, Jan. 1, 1858		$2,743,235 73
Received for Premiums during the year	$683,868 09	
Received for Interest during the year	170,087 27	
Received for Annuity Bonds during the year	6,800 00	
Total Receipts for 1858		$750,653 36
Paid claims by Death in 1858	$242,150 00	
Paid Policies surrendered	35,063 52	
Paid Salaries, Taxes, Postage, Exchange, &c.	39,123 69	
Paid Com. to Agents	37,386 64	
Paid Physicians' fees	3,621 53	
Paid Annuity	160 27	
Paid Dividends during the year	154,926 85—$507,532 10—$2,986,356 99	
Net balance, Jan. 1, 1859		$3,001,920 91

ASSETS.

Cash on hand	$67,617 01
Newark City 7 per Cent Bonds	22,000 00
Albany City (N.Y.) 6 per Ct. Bs	23,000 00
Troy City (N.Y.) 6 per Ct. Bds.	25,000 00
Brooklyn City (N.Y.) 6 per Ct. Bs	50,000 00
Annuity Bond of the State of Massachusetts	800 00
Bonds and Mortgages on Real Estate, worth double the amount loaned	1,694,831 18
Premium Notes, drawing 6 per cent interest	1,029,609 28
Real Estate	46,869 27
Loans on Bond and Mortgage	6,513 88
Premiums, Notes and Cash in course of transmission	22,400 14
Total Assets	$3,001,920 91

Total amount of Dividends paid to date 1,161,527 26
Total amount of Claims by death, paid to date 1,246,499 55

The Directors, having reserved the value of all policies in force, and all obligations against the Company, have, from the surplus, declared a dividend of FORTY PER CENT. on the premiums paid at the table rates to all policies for life in force issued prior to Jan. 1, 1858, without interest, payable in conformity with the present rules of the Company.

The Directors have also ordered the payment of the ELEVENTH DIVIDEND (that declared Jan. 1, 1857) to the members, when their annual premiums become due, during the year 1859.

DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS.

Robt. L. Patterson,	Henry McFarlan,
Chas. S. Mackrell,	I. H. Frothingham,
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LEWIS C. GROVER, Attorney and Counsel.
JOSEPH P. BRADLEY, Mathematician.
JOSEPH L. & J. P. LORD, Agents, New-York.

FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS, VERMONT CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY.—STATE OF VERMONT, IN CHANCERY, CHITTENDEN COUNTY.—*Laurence Brainerd and George M. Dexter, Surviving Trustees, et als.*, vs. *The Vermont Central Railroad Company, et als.*—Upon hearing in the above-entitled cause, upon bill, answer, traverse and testimony, it *is ordered* that said cause be referred to Charles Russell, of Burlington, as Special Master, and also to George S. Hale, of Boston, Massachusetts, as Special Commissioner, to act in that State, to ascertain and report, upon the merits respectively, as far as evidence shall be offered for that purpose, who may be at the time of the hearings before them, as hereinafter provided, the owners respectively of the first mortgage bonds, so called, of the Vermont Central Railroad, mentioned in the bill, the place of residence of such owners, and how much is due to each upon such bonds at the time of such hearings, or upon the interest thereon, and how much will grow due thereon, thereafter, and when; and report to this Court thereon, the names of said bondholders so presenting their claims and the several amounts thereof respectively.

And it is by said Court hereby further ordered that all owners and holders of said bonds so called, do severally present their said claims upon, and in respect thereto, before said Master or Commissioner for allowance and report, at the time and place to be by them respectively appointed, as hereinafter provided, and in default thereof they will be subject to such further order as this Court may make in the premises, in respect to their said unpresented claims being barred, and otherwise.

And it is hereby further ordered, by said Court, that said Master (Russell) will also ascertain and report how much the value of the property, covered by said mortgage has been enhanced, since it came into the hands of, and has been held by, the Trustees under said mortgage, by an appropriation of the earnings of said property, covered by said mortgage, for that purpose; and whether the Trustees under said mortgage have been guilty of waste in respect to said property, and if so, which of said Trustees, and to what extent, and in what respects, whether before or after the breach of the condition of said mortgage, by the non-payment of interest on said bonds so called.

And it is further ordered that said Master and Commissioner respectively give notice of the time and place of said hearings before them, by causing notice thereof to be published in the city of Boston, twelve days and twelve days before such time of hearing, in the following named newspapers to wit: The Burlington *Weekly Times*, the Vermont *Watchman and State Journal*, printed at Montpelier, Vt.; the Boston *Daily Post*, printed at Boston, in the State of Massachusetts; the *New-York Daily Times*, printed in the City of New-York; and the *United States Gazette*, printed in the city of Philadelphia.

And it is ordered that said cause stand over until the coming in of said reports for further directions therein without prejudice to either party.

And it is ordered, also, that either party may read, on the hearing before said Master and Commissioner, the evidence already on file in said cause, and may adduce such further evidence as may be material to the questions hereby referred.

Done in Court this 12th day of December, A. D. 1858.
MILO L. BENNETT, Chancellor.
GEO. F. EDMUNDS, Solicitor for Orators.

STATE OF VERMONT,
Chittenden County, SS.,
IN CHANCERY.
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of the foregoing order of the Court of Chancery, the said CHARLES RUSSELL will attend to the duties in said order assigned to him, at the office of George F. Edmunds, in Burlington, in said County, on the 10th day of May, A. D. 1859, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon; and that said GEO. S. HALE will attend to the duties assigned him by said order, at the office of Henry Rice, in Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, on the 20th day of May, A. D. 1859, 9th day of May, and the 10th day of June, A. D. 1859, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of each of said days, at which times and places all persons interested are hereby notified to attend before us respectively.
CHARLES RUSSELL,
Special Master in Chancery.
GEO. S. HALE,
Special Commissioner.
Geo. F. Edmunds, Solicitor for Orators.
Jan. 12. 2-1aw3mW

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INSURANCE COMPANIES AND BANKS.—My usual annual statement of the Insurance Companies and Banks as reported to the Comptroller of the State of New York for the Legislature and furnished to me by the State Department, is now ready for distribution, and can be obtained gratuitously on application at my office.
ALBERT H. NICOLAY,
Stock Auctioneer and Banker, No. 4 Broad-st.

NEW-YORK AND WASHINGTON PRINTING TELEGRAPH COMPANY.—Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the Stockholders will be held at the office of the Company, on TUESDAY, the 22d day of February, instant, at 1 o'clock, P. M.
R. W. RUSSELL, Secretary.
New-York, Feb. 11, 1859.

FIRST-CLASS INVESTMENTS FOR SALE.—Camden and Amboy Railroad, and Delaware and Raritan Canal Joint Six Per Cent. Bonds; Troy City Bonds; Cleveland City Bonds; Gas-Light Stocks; Buffalo City Water Bonds; Oswego & Syracuse Railroad Stock. JOHN B. MURRAY & CO., No. 40 Wall-st., N. Y. City.

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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, NEW-YORK, Feb. 8, 1859.

PROPOSALS FOR CENTRAL PARK FUND STOCK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK.—Sealed proposals will be received at the Comptroller's Office, No. 8 Hall of Records, until FRIDAY, March 11, 1859, at 12 o'clock P. M., when the same will be publicly opened, for the whole or any part of the amount of THREE HUNDRED NINE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS of Central Park Fund Stock of the City of New-York, authorized by an act of the Legislature of the State, entitled "An act to alter the map of the City of New-York, by laying out thereon a public place, and to authorize the taking of the same," passed July 21, 1853, and amended Feb. 13, 1857; and by an ordinance of the Common Council, approved by the Mayor Feb. 29, 1856.

The said stock will consist of three thousand and ninety-one shares, of one hundred dollars each, bearing interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum, payable quarter-yearly, and the principal redeemable on the first day of July, 1867.

The proposals will state the number of shares desired and the price per share. The persons whose proposals are accepted will be required to deposit with the Chamberlain of the City the sum awarded and covered by the bid, together with the premium, if any, therewith, and on presenting the receipt of the Chamberlain to the Comptroller will be entitled to receive a certificate for the par value of the number of shares, carrying interest from the date of the deposit.

Each proposition should be sealed up, and indorsed "Proposals for Central Park Fund Stock," and the proposal thus sealed and indorsed put in a second envelope, sealed, and directed "Robert T. Haws, Comptroller, No. 8 Hall of Records, New York."

The right is reserved on the part of the Comptroller to reject any or all of the bids, if considered necessary to protect or promote the interests of the City.
ROBERT T. HAWS, Comptroller.

H. S. LANSING & CO.—EUROPEAN SHIPPING AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS—No. 73 Broadway, New-York. LANSING, STARK & CO., No. 9 Chapel-st., Liverpool, and No. 74 King William-st., London. LANSING, BALDWIN & CO., No. 8 Place de la Bourse, Paris, and No. 31 Rue Cornelle, Havre, will attend to shipping goods from Havre, Liverpool, London, at the lowest rates of freight, and at reduced charges. Small parcels forwarded to any part of Europe, by every steamer from New-York or Boston, by their American-European Express. Purchases made, and all kinds of commissions executed, by competent persons abroad. Sight and time bills sold.

OFFICE OF PITTSBURG, FORT WAYNE AND CHICAGO RAILROAD COMPANY, No. 37 WILLIAM-STREET, NEW-YORK, Feb. 10, 1859.—Messrs. M. K. JESUP & CO. having been appointed by the President Financial and Transfer agents of the Company in the City of New-York, this office will be closed after TUESDAY, 15th inst., and all coupons and other obligations of this Company payable in this City, will thereafter be presented for payment at their office, No. 44 Exchange-place, where also the stock of the Company will be transferrable.
JOSEPH K. EDGERTON, Vice-President.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INSURANCE COMPANIES.—My usual annual statement of the Insurance Companies, as reported to the Comptroller of the State of New-York, for the Legislature, and furnished to me by the State Department, is now ready for distribution, and can be obtained gratuitously on application at my office.
ALBERT H. NICOLAY,
Stock Auctioneer and Banker, No. 4 Broad-st.

$50,000 TO LOAN ON BOND AND MORTgage, in sums to suit applicants, on first-class improved property in this City. Also, $10,000 stock of a very safe and reliable corporation to exchange for a house in this City, with a moderate incumbrance.
E. G. PIERCE, No. 15 William-st.

BOSTON, CONCORD, AND MONTREAL RAILROAD COMPANY.—The Coupons on the Bonds of the above Company due Feb. 16, will be paid at the office of J. A. UNDERWOOD & SON, No. 18 Exchange-place.

$175,000 TO LOAN ON BOND AND Mortgage at 7 per cent., in sums to suit applicants; $30,000 of it at 6½ per cent. for the first year, exclusively on improving City property. Apply to WM. F. HEINS, No. 31 Nassau-st., Room No. 4.

NOTICE.—A DIVIDEND OF COLLECTIONS of the general average contributions on account of the steamer HUMBOLDT and cargo is now payable at my office, No. 7 Broadway. W. S. DRAYTON,
New-York, Feb. 16. Executor of M. Livingston.

DIVIDENDS.

DIVIDEND.
OFFICE REPUBLIC FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
No. 16 Wall-st., Jan. 25, 1859.
CAPITAL $150,000.
SURPLUS OVER $100,000.
Capital and Surplus limited to $1,000,000.

THIS COMPANY HAVE TO-DAY DECLARED A dividend of SIX 25-100 DOLLARS PER SHARE, payable to the stockholders on demand.

They have also declared a scrip interest dividend of Six Per Cent. upon their outstanding scrip, payable on TUESDAY, the 8th day of February next, in cash.

They have further declared a scrip dividend on the earned premiums of the year ending the 31st day of December last, of Thirty per Cent., the certificates deliverable to parties entitled, thereon, on TUESDAY, the 8th day of February next.

The Scrip Dividends declared by this Company for the last five years amount to ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIVE AND A HALF PER CENT.
ROBERT S. HOME, President.
DUNCAN F. CURRY, Secretary.

THE NEW-YORK CENTRAL RAILROAD Company, Treasurer's Office, Albany, Feb. 9, 1859.

ELEVENTH SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND.—The Directors of this Company have declared a semi-annual dividend of Four per Cent. on the capital stock thereof, payable on the 21st of February instant, upon stock registered at New-York, Boston or Albany, and on the 21st day of March next, upon stock registered at London.

Stockholders whose stock is registered at New-York will receive their dividends at the office of DUNCAN, SHERMAN & CO.; those whose stock is registered at Boston, at the office of J. E. THAYER & BROTHER; those whose stock is registered at Albany, at the ALBANY CITY BANK; those whose stock is registered at London, at the UNION BANK OF LONDON, the latter at the rate of 4s. 1d. to the dollar.

The Transfer Books, which are now closed, will be reopened at New-York, Albany and Boston, on the morning of Wednesday, the 22d day of February instant.
GILBERT L. WILSON, Treasurer.

THE OSWEGO AND SYRACUSE RAILROAD Company have declared a semi-annual dividend of Four per Cent. upon the Capital Stock, payable on and after the 21st February.

New-York City Stockholders will receive their dividends from the Transfer Agent, HENRY A. OAKLEY, at the office of the Howard Insurance Company, No. 66 Wall-st.

Dividends not called for within thirty days, will be paid at the Treasurer's Office at Oswego only.
LUTHER WRIGHT, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE EXCHANGE FIRE INS. CO., No. 28 WALL-ST.

DIVIDEND.—THE DIRECTORS HAVE DEclared a semi-annual dividend of Six per Cent. on the capital stock, payable 1st day of February. The transfer books will be closed from the 25th inst. until that date.
RICHARD C. COMBES, Secretary.
Jan. 22, 1859.

NEW-YORK AND NEW-HAVEN RAILROAD COMPANY, OFFICE, No. 15 WALL-ST., New-York, Feb. 2, 1859.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.—THE BOARD OF DIRECtors have this day declared a dividend of Three (3) Dollars per share on the capital stock of this Company, payable at this office on and after the 16th instant.
WM. BEMENT, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE NEW-YORK FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY,
New-York, Feb. 2, 1859.

DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have this day declared a semi-annual Dividend, payable to the stockholders on demand, at the office of the Company, No. 72 Wall-st.
D. UNDERHILL, Secretary.

DIVIDEND.—THE DIRECTORS OF THE NIAGara Fire Ins. Company have this day declared a Dividend of Ten per Cent. on the capital stock for the last six months, payable on demand, at the office of the Company, No. 67 Wall-st.
L. G. IRVING, Secretary.

OFFICE OF ST. NICHOLAS INSURANCE COMPANY—No. 10 Merchants' Exchange, Wall-st.—Dividend—The Board of Directors have this day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Five (5) per Cent., payable on demand.
WM. S. SLOCUM, Secretary.

LORILLARD FIRE INSURANCE CO.—Office, Mechanics' Bank building, No. 31 Wall-st.—New-York, Feb. 2, 1859.—The Board of Directors of this Company have THIS DAY declared a semi-annual Dividend of Eight per Cent., payable on demand.
GEO. D. CRARY, Secretary.

DIVIDEND—THE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTORS of the Columbia Fire Insurance Company, No. 19 Wall-st., have this day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Six per Cent., payable on and after the 16th inst. The transfer books will be closed until that date.
JAS. S. DUNHAM, JOHN C. BERGH, Secretary.

THE MAYSVILLE AND LEXINGTON Railroad Company have declared a Dividend of Two per Cent., payable at the office of Cammann & Co., on and after Feb. 15.
B. WILSON, Treasurer.

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GOODYEAR'S PATENT—TRADE NOTICE.—ALL manufacturers and dealers in Suspenders, Garters, Shoes and other Webs, Tapes, Braids, Belts, Cords, Gloves, Wristlets, and all similar goods, are informed that the exclusive license and ownership of the patent of C. Goodyear for Vulcanized Rubber applied in these fabrics, and many others, is in me, and such goods sold without my name and authority is in violation of exclusive rights, adjudicated to be mine, and I must hold all parties infringing responsible.

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The steamship NORTHERN LIGHT, Captain Trapnall, will leave New-York, from Pier No. 3, North River, THURSDAY, March 10, at 3 o'clock P. M., connecting and Panama Railroad with the steamship UNCLE SAM, on the Pacific Ocean.

For passage or freight, (having capacity for 100 tons of the latter,) apply at the only office of the Line, No. 5 Bowling Green, basement. D. S. ALLEN, Agent.

N. B.—All persons are forbid trusting any one on account of the above ships or owners.

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H. J. VON HAMTEN, Commander,
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No. 94 Broadway.

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MOBILE,
MONTGOMERY, ATLANTA, ALBANY, COLUMBUS, MACON AUGUSTA, AND VARIOUS PLACES IN FLORIDA, VIA SAVANNAH, GA.—The favorite steamship STAR OF THE SOUTH, Capt. Thos. Lyon, will leave on WEDNESDAY, Feb. 16, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 4 North River. Through tickets can be had for the following places, fare as low as by any other steamers from New-York to Savannah. Accommodations superior. New-York to New-Orleans, $30; Mobile, $28; Montgomery, Ala., $25; Atlanta, Ga., $24; Albany, Ga., $23; New-York to Columbus, Ga., $21; Macon, Ga., $21; Augusta, $20; Savannah, $12. For freight or passage, apply to SAML. L. MITCHILL & SON, No. 13 Broadway.

FOR NASSAU, N. P., AND HAVANA.
The British and North American Royal Mail steamship KANAK, Capt. J. Brownlee, will sail from the Company's wharf at Jersey City, for the above ports, after the arrival of the steamship EUROPA, (leaving Liverpool Feb. 19,) probably 5th of March.

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ASIA, Capt. E. G. Lott. NIAGARA, Capt. Anderson.
AFRICA, Capt. Shannon. EUROPA, Capt. J. Leitch.
These vessels carry a clear white light at mast-head; green on starboard bow; red on port bow.
ASIA, Capt. Lott, leaves New-York, Wednesday, Feb. 16.
AMERICA, Miller, leaves Boston, Wednesday, Feb. 23.
AFRICA, Shannon, leaves N. Y., Wednesday, March

AFFAIRS AT ALBANY.

Discussion of the Registry Law—Still further Investigations in the Lobby Committee—A New Investigation to be Starred—Bill to punish bribing Drafts when the Treasury is empty—No Repeal—time, &c., &c.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ALBANY, Tuesday, Feb. 15, 1859.

At 8 o'clock to-day the Registry bill was the special order. Speaker LOTHROP went down to a seat in the House, (where he was summoned back twenty times—horrible bore—to write a card of admittance to somebody to come on the floor. The lobby in the rear of Gen. DIXON, Mr. ANSON and other back-seat members, being religiously prohibited to pay but ladies with their gentlemen, there is no other way for the sovereign people to get the ear of their representatives but to gain access—which is only by card—to the floor. If the General, Mr. ANSON and the other back-seat members, don't consent to relax the stringency of their anti-male-in-the-lobby resolution, the House will be bored to death with the influx upon the floor,) and the front gentlemen from Oneida went up to the Chair. After reading through the bill, Mr. MOSES, Republican, proposed as a substitute one which had no registration in it, but makes a little more stringent the laws touching the use of money for electioneering purposes. Defending his substitute, Mr. MOSES confessed that though he had promised to offer a Registry bill as a substitute for the one pending, when he came to draw one he found that it could not be done. The Constitution guaranteed the right to vote, and it was not competent for the Legislature to enact laws to prevent any man who has a right to vote, from voting, because he is unregistered. Then, if passed, the law would effect nothing. It would cost the State $500,000, and kill the party that passed it. His substitute, making a stringent law against using money to purchase votes, would cost nothing, effect a great deal, and enable a poor man to run for office.

Mr. C. S. SPRENCE showed that the substitute was no substitute, and therefore out of order. It proposed no registration and was offered by an avowed enemy of any registry law. His bill was not unconstitutional. Section 4th of article 2d provided that "Laws may be made for ascertaining, by proper proofs, the citizens who shall be entitled to the right of suffrage."

Mr. TOWNSEND urged the gentleman to withdraw his substitute. He thought if that came up as a separate bill, he could vote for it with pleasure; but it was no registry law, and a registry law we must have. The Republican Party was pledged to it, and the people, by an overwhelming vote had sustained the Republican Party upon that very issue. That party could not afford not to pass a Registry law; but it was better to make it too easy-sitting than too stringent an one. Make it not too costly, nor too light, and it would be very easy after it had been a year in operation to pelt up the cracks and shove up the roof, if they needed. The pending bill, though certainly not perfect, was not a bad one.

Mr. WARNER (the only Democrat from west of Chenango County) favored the substitute. The bill created swarms of new officers, was costly, complicated, unconstitutional and leaky. It would stop hosts of honest voters, and would not prevent dishonest voters from voting.

Dr. LOOMIS (Republican) favored the substitute. That gave something—the bill gave nothing but blunders, expense, and endless litigation. He wanted an effective law or none. This one was offensive and expensive, lumbersome, onerous and useless.

Mr. MOSES, (Republican,) of Kings, defended the bill; proved its constitutionality; showed that its cost was small compared with its happy consequences; and that without it, or its like, the ballot-box could not be kept pure.

Mr. C. S. SPRENCE showed that the "Statutes" were already as stringent against bribery as the provisions of the substitute.

Dr. LOOMIS reviewed the bill, said the Assessors are always of one political faith in a town; but the bill makes them the Registers; would Republicans trust Democratic Assessors to register for them? Republicans might not always be in a majority, and then how would the thing work?

Mr. MOSES, (Republican,) said nine out of ten Republicans in his District wanted no registry law, and none of the Democrats wanted one. He spoke for his constituents.

Mr. HENDERSON (Republican) said he should be no more surprised to hear a Republican propose to fill up the Canals than to oppose a Registry law.

Gen. DIXON (Republican) wanted the right bill, and this was not it. He wanted time, and consideration, and great care, given to the subject. A gentleman not now present, Mr. BINGHAM, had a substitute, and to see that, he proposed a little delay.

Three several motions to rise and report progress were lost. Then the vote on the substitute was taken, and it was rejected. A few other amendments were made, and at two o'clock progress was reported. The subject was made the special order for Thursday evening.

The act annulling the Building Associations came up, and an effort was made by Mr. CORNING to postpone the time of its going into action until Jan. 1, 1860; by Mr. MULLEN, of Erie, to except Erie County from its provisions; by Mr. ONDERDONK, to except New-York. Mr. WILSON, of Kings, opposed all these; said he held in his hand the names of three thousand petitioners for it, but had heard of no remonstrants. He had seen two remonstrants, however, a counsel and the Secretary, who had lined their pockets by aid of these associations, who had button holed members and bolstered them abundantly; but they alone remonstrated. Mr. WILSON named the man.

Mr. C. S. SPRENCE did not want New-York excepted. Mechanics enough had been ruined already by the delusions of these associations—every one of which ought to go into a receiver's hands. He denounced them as villainous and swindling concerns and only bolstered up now by the lobby, who live on them. Mr. SCHOONMAKER wanted more time, and progress was reported.

At the meeting of the Lobby Investigation Committee, last evening Senator WRIGHT alone was present. The investigation went on, but the only matter of interest before it was thus alluded to, to-day, by Senator DIXON, rising to a question of privilege:

Mr. DIXON, in a question of privilege, stated that he had been called upon by an attorney of this city, professionally, in the matter of proceedings before the Committee on Public Buildings. In the receipt of testimony, yesterday, a witness was sworn who stated that a member of the Legislature had told him that he had received money from the New-York Central Railroad Company for his vote on the Albany Bridge bill. When the counsel for the defence in a cross-examination demanded the name of the member of the Legislature, it was objected to by the Chairman of the Committee. Mr. O. B. WHEELER, Chairman of the Committee on Public Buildings, inquired the name of the Attorney? Mr. DIXON answered "Mr. CAGGER, of this city." Mr. O. B. WHEELER—The right of Mr. CAGGER to cross-examine the witness (Mr. FRINK) then before the Committee was denied because he (Mr. CAGGER) did not pretend to represent, as counsel, the witness. Mr. CAGGER, nor any other person, had been denied appearing as counsel in any case where he for they claimed to represent the witness. Mr. CAGGER not only did not pretend to appear for Mr. FRINK, as counsel, but stated, after the witness was discharged, that he appeared, as counsel, in behalf of the lobby. Mr. DIXON offered the following resolution in connection with this subject:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Buildings be instructed in their examination of charges of corruption, to allow any party implicated to appear by counsel and cross-examine witnesses, and allow such parties to introduce witnesses in exculpation.

The resolution was adopted.

The Senate passed in third reading the Harlem Railroad bill having struck out all relating to the *New-Haven Railroad, and the bill repaying JOHN A. KING* $25,000 money advanced to subsist the troops at Camp Contention. The Senate adopted a joint resolution adjourning over from Thursday the 17th to Thursday the 24th inst. A Select Committee was appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to investigate Senator O. B. WHEELER's charges of attempted bribery and corruption.

Last evening at the Assembly's session Mr. SHEPARD, of St. Lawrence, introduced a bill, which I trust will not pass, and one which, while it looks like a simple proposition to put new safeguards around the Constitution, and new locks upon the empty Treasury door, would breed a panic, if passed, along the line of the Canals, knock the Canal Enlargement endwise for this year, and make the Republican party step in unbidden to dictate the behavior and policy of Democratic State officers. The bill reads as follows:

SECTION 1. It shall be hereafter the duty of the Auditor of the Canal Department, and he is hereby required whenever there are no moneys in the Treasury appropriated by law to the completion of the enlargement of the Canals of this State to serve a written [illegible] upon the Auditor of the [illegible] of any moneys [illegible] any violation of [illegible] or by [illegible] such fine and [illegible] in [illegible] of the Court.

[illegible] shall take effect immediately. [illegible] was referred to the Committee on [illegible] mistake the color of the House [illegible] a law. It professes to prevent [illegible] of an unconstitutional debt; but the [illegible] drafts would be drawn in already [illegible]

and repudiation in any shape the Legislature do not indorse. CLAUDIUS.

NEW-YORK LEGISLATURE.

SENATE...ALBANY, Tuesday, Feb. 15.

Mr. DIXON moved to instruct the Lobby Investigation Committee to allow parties to appear with counsel. Adopted.

BILLS PASSED.

To extend the charter of the Harlem Railroad, and determine the mode of using the same in the streets of New-York.

To provide for the payment of the money paid by JOHN A. KING for the troops stationed by him on Staten Island, to protect the Quarantine buildings there.

A resolution was adopted to adjourn, if the Assembly concur, from the 17th to the 24th inst.

Mr. LOVEJOY moved for a Select Committee, with power to investigate the charges made by Senator O. B. WHEELER, reflecting on the character of members and officers of the present Legislature.

Much opposition was made to the motion, and several propositions to postpone were voted down.

Messrs. DIXON, HUSSELL, LOVEJOY and others pressed the resolution, on the ground that it was more proper to investigate the action of their own members than that of a past Legislature.

ASSEMBLY...ALBANY, Tuesday, Feb. 15.

The Registry Law bill came up as the special order.

Mr. MOSES, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, moved a substitute for the whole bill, giving authority to Inspectors of Election to question voters as to whether they have received any money, promises, or other advantages, for their votes, and making stringent rules for the punishment of bribery both in the briber and recipient.

Messrs. LAW, SPRENCE and TUSSILL opposed the substitute as not having any relation to a Registry law.

Messrs. WARNER, MOSES and LOOMIS advocated the substitute, and denounced the Registry law as unconstitutional, unjust and inoperative.

Mr. LOOMIS denied that the Republican Party were committed to any such measure.

During the debate several motions to report progress were voted down.

The debate on the subject was continued at great length with considerable warmth on both sides, when finally Mr. MOSES' substitute was voted down.

Murderous Outrage on Two Aged Females

From the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, Feb. 15.

About 9 o'clock yesterday morning, a most brutal outrage was committed upon two old ladies named WALTON, near Hatborough, Montgomery County, about sixteen miles above the city. The sufferers are a mother and daughter; the former named CYNTHIA WALTON and the daughter named ELIZABETH. Mrs. WALTON is about eighty years of age, and the daughter, who is a maiden lady, is about sixty years old. They are members of the Society of Friends.

It seems that two brothers named JOHN and CHAS. SCOTT, aged respectively 19 and 21 years, lived in the neighborhood of the WALTONS, and the eldest of the young men was brought up by Mr. WALTON. Yesterday morning the SCOTTS went together to the house of Mrs. WALTON, and they sat for some time in the kitchen, chatting with the old ladies, while the latter were engaged in their domestic duties. Miss WALTON states that during the time the young men were at the house, one of them went in and out two or three times, and finally he brought in a stout club from the wood-pile, and attacked Miss WALTON with it, knocking her down and hurting her in a very serious manner. Mrs. WALTON ran forward to assist her daughter, and the murderous ruffian struck her down with the club, injuring her head in a dreadful manner and breaking one of her arms.

Miss WALTON supposes that she lay in an insensible condition for an hour, and when she recovered she found her mother in an apparently dying condition, and the house completely ransacked. She immediately started to go to her brother, on the adjoining place, but she fell from exhaustion before she reached her destination. She was soon discovered and her own and her mother's injuries were attended to. It was believed that the mother would not recover. The house was found to be ransacked, and it is supposed that it was robbed. Mr. WALTON also missed one hundred dollars from his own house, which, it is supposed, was stolen by the brothers.

Since the above was in type, we have learned that the two brothers charged with the commission of the inhuman crime, have been arrested. They were captured in a wheelwright's shop where they were concealed. They made no resistance, although they were armed with a revolver and a bowie knife. They were conveyed to the prison at Norristown. They attempted to justify themselves by saying they were drunk when they committed the crime. Mrs. WALTON was still alive this morning, but her condition is hopeless.

ELOPEMENT EXTRAORDINARY—A GRANDMOTHER RUNNING AWAY WITH A BOY.—The Rochester *Democrat and American* has a curious story about the elopement of a woman who is a grandmother with a boy of eighteen. The young gentleman's name is BARNEY SNEARS; the woman's Mrs. ABRAM CHERRY, wife of an engineer on the New-York Central Railroad, living on Dean-street, Rochester. The woman is forty years old, has six children and one or two grandchildren. The deserted husband is said to be an industrious, upright man, who runs an engine between Syracuse and Utica, and has regularly been in the habit of sending home a sufficient amount of his earnings to support his family in comfort. For some time past, however, Mrs. CHERRY has cultivated an intimacy with SNEARS, who is a good-for-nothing and idle lad, and at last the two agreed upon a flight in company. The plan was put in operation last Friday, the ill-matched pair gathering together what they could of their own and Mr. CHERRY's property, which they packed up and carried away on the train which left for Albany soon after midnight. The children, of whom the youngest is only three years of age, were all left behind. On the day preceding the evasion, Mr. CHERRY had sent to his wife $25, which constituted the principal part of the funds of the runaways, upon which they relied to defray expenses. Intelligence of the affair became current Saturday morning, and Officer ROGERS, who lives in the vicinity of the CHERRYS, immediately telegraphed to the wronged husband at Syracuse and Utica. Mr. CHERRY was at the time on his way from the latter to the former place, and must have met the train containing the fugitives. As soon as the dispatch reached him, he caused word to be telegraphed to Albany, and at once took a down train (himself in pursuit. Mr. CHERRY immediately took possession of the baggage and his wife. He also resumed the custody of SNEARS, and started on his return. SNEARS succeeded in getting away from him at the depôt, but was subsequently met by a brother of Mrs. CHERRY near Centre Park. The indignant brother seized him at once, and a scuffle ensued, which attracted the attention of Officer ROGERS, and SNEARS was taken to the Police Office a prisoner, charged with larceny, in carrying away a quantity of Mr. CHERRY's property. As the officers were overhauling the contents of his chest, they came upon a daguerreotype of Mrs. CHERRY, which SNEARS seized and thrust into his bosom, saying that nobody should take it away. SNEARS was committed to jail to await further examination upon the charge of larceny. What disposition Mr. CHERRY intends to make of his wife is more than we can tell.

THE HARLOW CASE A FABRICATION.—The Cleveland *Herald* publishes a letter which denies the story of the wanderings of HARLOW CASE and Mrs. FRANCIS, and the death of the latter at Ceylon,—published some time since. The writer says: "The article copied from the Boston *Watchman and Reflector* into the Cleveland *Herald*, laying the scenes of the incidents in the Island of Ceylon, was a sheer romance, founded upon the letter of HARLOW CASE and accompanying editorial statements, all of which the writer, who is a lady of Boston, had read. I presume she little thought of the hearts of dear friends that might be lacerated by her false description of the last moments of one so dear to them, but who succeeded in her design of winning compliments for 'her very interesting version of the story,' although that version was a lie from beginning to end."

UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT—FEB. 15

Before Judge Ingersoll.

INJUNCTIONS IN THE SEWING-MACHINE CASES.

Orlando B. Potter et al. vs. James G. Wilson et al.—This is one of fifteen cases brought by the complainant against different parties to obtain injunctions preventing them from infringement upon the patents held by the plaintiffs for sewing machines. They are understood to be, practically, a contest between the Singer, the Wheeler & Wilson, and the Grover & Baker machines on the one side, and many different claims and makers on the other.

The motions for injunctions were set down for a hearing this morning, the defendants, however, applied for a postponement to enable them to complete their proofs and get them printed. The Judge was inclined to refuse the application entirely, but finally said he would hear the motions to-morrow morning. Thereupon Mr. Brady, one of the defendant's counsel, suggested that orders for injunctions should issue, with the privilege to the defendants of moving to dissolve them if they were so advised, and with leave to such of them as could give security for the damages to be relieved from the injunction on giving such security. After argument Judge INGERSOLL decided that the injunctions should issue against all, leaving the defendants to move to dissolve them if they saw fit.

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WHO LOVES TO LAUGH—And laugh with perfect decency, must go and hear and see those incomparable masters of negro wit, music and comedy, the Ethiopian Troubadours, this afternoon or evening, at BARNUM's Museum. Mad. ELVIRA on the flying wire, at the same time.

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MONETARY AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange....Feb. 15.

$15,000 U. S. 6s, '76	102⅞	100	Pacific Mail S. Co.	75
19,000 do	102⅞	300	do	75¼
3,000 Tenn. 6s, '90	89⅞	200	do	830 75
7,000 Virginia 6s	96⅞	100	do	830 75¼
25,000 Mo. State 6s	84⅞	50	do	75⅞
3,000 do	830 84⅞	100	do	100 76
6,000 Cal. St. 7s, N. D.	84	100	do	560 75⅞
1,000 do	830	100	do	560 75⅞
1,000 do	83⅞	100	N.Y.C. ex div'd	76
1,000 N. Y. Gas L. 7s	90⅞	200	do	b.s.o 76⅞
4,000 E. R. R. 2d M. Bs.	82	74	do	76⅞
3,000 E. R. R. 4th M. Bs.	88	100	do	830 76⅞
1,000 E. R. R. C. Bs. '71	40	400	Har. R. R. pref'd	s10 30
1,000 E. R. R. C. Bs. '83	40	200	do	s3 30
2,000 Har. R. R. 2d M.	72	100	do	200 30⅛
2,000 Har. R. R. 1st M.	97	10	Nor. & Wor. R. R.	38
2,000 Har. 2d M. Bs.	98	25	do	30⅛
2,000 M. Co. 2d mt. bs.	62	200	Reading R. R.	b60 48⅞
3,000 Ill. Cen. R. R. Bs.	88	50	do	s3 48⅞
8,000 L. C. & M. L. G. bs.	34	200	do	48⅞
10 Mer. Exch. Bank	95⅛	200	do	s30 47⅞
15 Bank of Commerce	100⅞	100	do	s10 48⅞
10 Em. Ex. Bank	107⅞	100	do	b60 48⅞
14 Bank of the Rep.	122	50	Mich. Cent. R. R.	830 49⅞
11 Hanover Bank	88	70	do	49⅞
44 Metropolitan Bank	110⅞	50	do	49⅞
10 Park Bank	100	100	Mil. S. & N. La. G. S.	44⅞
20 Bank of New-York	106⅞	50	do	44⅞
5 Bank of America	110⅞	150	Panama Railroad	114⅞
400 Canton Co.	b60 30⅞	100	do	s60 114
200 do	29	100	do	830 114⅞
10 Del. & Hud. Can. Co	90⅞	50	do	s 0 114⅞
5 do	100	5	Ill. Cen. R'd	67⅞
5 do	90⅞	50	Cal. & Chi. R'd	b60 68⅞
50 Penn. Coal Co.	s60 105⅞	150	do	b30 68⅞
50 do	b7 80⅞	100	do	s15 68⅞
100 do	80⅞	100	Clev. & Tol. R.R.	30⅞
100 Cumberland Pref'd	22⅞	400	Chi. & R. I. R.R.	69⅞
100 do	830 22⅞	100	do	b60 69⅞
100 do	b60 22⅞	100	do	b60 69⅞
100 Mil. & Miss. RR.	b30 14	100	do	s15 69⅞
100 do	b30 13⅞	100	do	s60 69⅞
50 La Crosse & Mil. R.	1⅛	200	do	69⅞
30 do	1			

SECOND BOARD.

$34,000 Mo. State 6s	84⅞	100	N.Y.C. ex div.	p.&c	79
6,000 do	b60 84⅞	300	do	p.&c	79⅛
1,000 Ill. C. R. R. Bs.	88⅞	100	do	b10 79	
10,000 L. C. & M. L. G.	b60 24⅞	200	do	b30 79	
2,000 Mich. S. 2d M. B.	62	100	do	cog 79	
3,000 do	s30 64⅞	100	do	b30 79	
4,000 Cal. St. 7s, N. D.	84	100	do	b60 78⅞	
1,000 do	b30	100	do	e 78⅞	
1,000 do	83⅞	100	N.Y.C. ex div'd	cog	78⅞
1,000 N. Y. Gas L. 7s	90⅞	200	do	b.s.o	78⅞
4,000 E. R. R. 2d M. Bs.	82	74	do	cog	78⅞
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REPORTED SALES BY AUCTION.

$2,000 LaC. & Mil. 7s	28⅞	10 Ston. R. R. Co.	64
2,000 do	23	15 Con. Ins. Co. Phila.	83
1,870 G.W.M.Ins.Sp.	62⅞	15 People's Bank	102
3,000 do	57 75	150 Harlem Bank	95
760 San M. ins. Sp.	70 75	30 Shoe & L. Bank	114⅞
1,000 Sec. Av. R. R. 7s	97⅞	4 Excel. Fire Ins. Co.	102
5,000 Mem City 6s	69	20 Amer. Exp. Co.	98
10 100 Rac. & Wis. R. 8s	42⅞	45 Sec. Av. R.R.	100⅞
4,000 La C. & Mil. R. 7s	28	50 Chi. St. P. & F du L. R.	10
10 Bank of N. Y.	106⅞	10 Am. Guano Co. Sub.	95
30 Bank of Com.	101	30 Depew Co. Wy.	15
10 Security F. I. Co.	126	20 Fox, Riv. & Wis. I. Co.	11
10 Resolute F. I. Co.	110		

TUESDAY, Feb. 15—P. M.

There was an average business done at the Stock Exchange to-day, prices finally closing about the same as yesterday afternoon. The European news, so long delayed, and which appeared in the morning Press, had no particular influence on the market. Politically, the advices, as telegraphed from Halifax, are not altogether of a settled character, but, as these are judged here mainly by the effect upon the London Exchange and Paris Bourse, where the Funds were last quoted rather steady, no importance attaches to the rumored additional preparations for hostilities in Italy. The London money market is quoted very easy, and the arrival reported of $3,300,000 in Australian Gold. In American Stocks, to the comparatively limited extent they are dealt in, prices keep rather firm than otherwise, as they seem to have done for most descriptions since the first indication of political troubles in Europe, six weeks ago. The sales of Bonds and Shares in our own market, to-day, were well distributed over the list, without any very considerable transactions in particular stocks. The *Bull* account seems best sustained on New-York Central and Rock Island, though no decided advantage thus far is made in either. In Reading the New-York account is decidedly *Bearish*, the reverse of the Philadelphia movement. The anonymous pamphlets, circulars and newspaper communications directed against the concern appear to be got up for this market. Upon these the New-York speculators having been selling *short*, and the other market, much nearer the road itself, buying *long*, until nearly all the certificates at the command of our brokers have been cleared out. The deliveries, to-day, were not accomplished without paying 50 ⅌ cent. cash for the stock, although it sold at the early Board at 48½ for Wednesday. In the afternoon the price left off 49@49½ ⅌ cent. Two or three prominent Brokers are buyers of Rock Island, though, we are told, without preconcert. The last price is 60¼@60½ ⅌ cent. Central left off 78½@78¾, after selling at 79 at the Second Board. The speculation for and against the stock is quite spirited in view of the reopening of transfers on the 23d inst. Illinois Central shares sold 66¾, and the Construction Bonds at 88½ ⅌ cent. State Stocks were steady, and the new Federal Stock an eighth lower than yesterday, selling 102½ ⅌ cent., which is to-day, with 46 days' accrued interest, equal to 102 ⅌ cent., about ⅛ below the average awards of the 24th January. The decline brings in, however, more of the small-investment orders to buy, and the Stock is gradually passing out of first hands. There is more doing this week in the Cumberland Coal shares at 22¼@23, and much firmness is also shown in Pennsylvania Coal and in Delaware and Hudson; all on account of the enhanced prospects of trade for 1859. The general market finally left off dull.

The Bank Statement of this morning has tended, if anything, to increase the amount of Money offered by private lenders on temporary employment at 5 ⅌ cent., and to steady the rates at Bank at 6@7 ⅌ cent. for mercantile bills, the inside figure being only current for choice short acceptances. The export demand for Gold bars for the steamer to-morrow reaches about $850,000, taken out of the last California arrival. As this movement materially increased the supply of Exchange, and on a moderate demand only from the Importers who are just now busy in selling the Goods recently passed through the Custom-house, the market this afternoon closed tame at 109½ for Bankers' bills on London, and 109¼@109⅜ for transient signatures. The disbursements from the Sub-Treasury were again heavy, to-day, $1,090,888, against all receipts of $367,427, though most of the difference was dispatched by Express to New-Orleans, $600,000, and to Boston, $200,000, for the use of the Government officers at those points. The receipts include $62,385 for the New Stock, and $58,000 for Customs.

We understand that the capital of the Nassau Bank has been made fully $1,000,000. It heretofore stood $979,000.

The fraud in British Colonial bills on London, noticed by telegraph from Halifax, was much remarked upon on 'Change this afternoon. The bills are supposed to reach about £13,000 sterling, of which one-half was purchased or forwarded by a single German banking-house in this City, and the remainder through other German banking or importing houses. The forger is himself a German by the name of LAW, (or LAU,) a native of Lubec, for some time resident in Benares, British India, who came to New-York respectably introduced, a few months ago, and whose appearance and general intelligence were well calculated to deceive the victims of his roguery. The bills purported to be drawn by the Barbadoes Branch of the Colonial Bank on the principal establishment in London. We learn from Messrs. MAITLAND, PHELPS & Co., who are the agents or correspondents here of the Colonial Bank, and who are generally buyers of the West India and other Branch bills, that the spurious paper in question was not offered to them; the forger doubtless apprehending that this would have led to the immediate detection of the fraud. The form of the bills is supposed to have been photographed from an original draft. LAW cleared out some weeks ago.

We are again favored, by Messrs. DUNCAN, SHERMAN & Co., with an extract from the letters of their banking correspondents at Leavenworth City, Kansas, in regard to the new gold discoveries at Pike's Peak, on the Platte River. They write as follows, under date of Feb. 4:

"We herewith transmit extracts from our papers, published in this city, the statements contained in which are fully corroborated by personal interviews with parties direct from the mines. On the 23d of ult. E. W. Vanzant, brother of Gen. Vanzant of the Pennsylvania Volunteers, who was lost out by Gov. Denver as Sheriff of Arrapahoe County, (which includes the gold region,) and who was commissioned to organize that county, returned to Lecompton, the seat of Government, bringing with him some specimens greatly richer and more beautiful than any we have yet seen.

We had a personal interview with him, in which he confirmed all we have yet learned, and expressed the opinion that far greater developments will be made during the coming season.

The great wealth of the country in gold, with us, is beyond cavil."

From some of the newspaper letters referred to we make the following extract:

A correspondent from Auroria, River Platte, writes:

"The people generally are in high spirits, hoping to realize their golden expectations early in the Spring. There are a few miners at work, realizing from $6 to $8 per day. They are laboring under many disadvantages, using small cradles and carrying the gravel in baskets from fifty to one hundred yards to water. These mines are near or on the Platte, three miles below the mouth of Cherry Creek.

The mining operations in the Spring will be mostly confined to Cherry Creek and tributaries, and on the divide between the Platte and Cherry Creek.

The water on the divide will be rather scarce by the 1st of July, and I would advise persons coming here to start early in the Spring, the 1st of April at farthest, and I also would advise all persons coming from the East or South to outfit at Leavenworth City, as that is the cheapest and best point on the Missouri River, above St. Louis, to get an outfit.

As to the route to this point, I should advise emigrants leaving Leavenworth City to follow the military road to Fort Riley; thence there are several routes: one is to cross the Kansas River at Fort Riley, and follow the divide between Clarke's and Lyon's Creek to the Santa Fé road, thence up the Big Arkansas. This would be the most congenial route very early in the Spring. But the shortest and most direct route would be from Fort Riley up either the Republican, Solomon's, or Smoky Hill fork of the Kansas River. The route up Solomon's Fork would be the shortest, and a good road, but has not been traveled much yet. By this route the emigrant would strike Cherry Creek twenty-five miles from the mouth.

The route up the Republican would be probably 30 or 100 miles further than by Solomon's, but I think it will be the route mostly traveled later in the Spring. Upon reaching the head waters of the Republican, would be a short distance from the South Platte, and thence up to Auraria, at the mouth of Cherry Creek, adjacent to the mines. The valley lands in this country will produce abundantly. I allude to vegetables. The soil is of a black, loamy nature, well adapted for growing wheat, corn, &c. Timber is plentiful: cottonwood on the streams, and pines on the mountains. Seeds of all kinds are scarce here. Flour is worth $15 ⅌ cwt.; Sugar, 50c. ⅌ lb.; Coffee, do.; Potatoes, $3 ⅌ bushel; Bacon, 32c. ⅌ lb.

Auraria contains two hundred houses, and there will be two hundred more erected by Spring. The weather has been most favorable up to this date, not impeding us to build or do any other work that we considered requisite except mining, as the water was congealed. There has nothing of importance transpired lately."

E. MATHER writes as follows from Denver City:

"There have been some new discoveries of gold since I wrote you before; still, not much mining has been done; it is too late in the season to think of doing a great deal. One company who have been working during the past few days have done splendidly, averaging $8 ⅌ day to the man; they only work five hours ⅌ day for this. The general average with parties has been from $3 to $4; but men who have prospected the country thoroughly insist that they can make $20 ⅌ day with the 'long tom.'

The boys returned from a hunt in the mountains to-day; they killed forty 'black-tailed' deer and one panther. There is abundance of game in the country, of all sorts, so that there will be no want of meat."

HENRY PRUNE, a German, who went to the mines last Fall, gives us the following facts:

"There are five in our company, and each man has built for himself a house. Four of us intend to go in a few days to the head of Cherry Creek, to make claims; it is about 35 miles from here to the head of the Creek. We were up there a short time since upon a hunt, and concluded then that we would commence our digging in that neighborhood. We think that from $5 to $10 per day can be made in that country. There is game in abundance there, principally deer; elk are found further up upon the prairie. The wolves display their musical talents for our edification every night. We spend our evenings very socially; very often we read, and quite as often we play with the cards. The boys frequently call out to me 'Philip, a glass of beer and a cigar!' but I can give them nothing except a glass of water and a pipe. We are all in fine spirits, and expect to make our 'pile' next Spring and Summer."

ANDREW SAGENDORF, recently private Secretary to Gov. RICHARDSON, of Nebraska, now at Auraria City, writes as follows:

"I have prospected considerably since my arrival here, which has prevented my writing you sooner; but I hope the information I have collected may make good, in part, the delay. Teams are still arriving, and persons leaving for the State weekly, and all have left with the fixed determination of returning. As far as I have been informed, all are now satisfied *as to the existence of rich deposits of gold, spread over a space of country sixty miles in length and fifteen in width*, as far as prospected."

The following is a comparative statement of the Exports, exclusive of Specie, from New-York to foreign ports, for the week and since Jan. 1:

	1857	1858.	1859.
Total for the week	$1,465,308	$1,577,994	$1,324,023
Previously reported	5,839 373	5,496,390	4,749,918
Since Jan. 1	$6,800,680	$7,114,084	$6,773,400

The following are the Currency, Land Warrant and Specie quotations for the week, corrected for us from the rates current at the Banking office of Messrs. THOMPSON BROTHERS:

	For cent. discount.
New-York State Currency	—@ ¼
New-England and New-Jersey	—@ ¼
Philadelphia and Baltimore	—@ ¼
Interior Pennsylvania	⅜@ ¾
Interior Maryland	⅜@ ¾
Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana and Missouri	⅜@ ¾
South Carolina and Georgia	⅜@ ¾
North Carolina	⅜@1
Virginia	⅜@1
Illinois and Wisconsin	1¼@2
Michigan	—@ ¾
Tennessee	1 @1¼
Free Indiana	1¼@1½
Mobile	—@ ½
Louisiana	—@ ¾
Canada	—@ ½

LAND WARRANTS.

	Buying.	Selling.
40 acre warrants per acre	100	105
80 acre warrants per acre	84	86
120 acre warrants per acre	76	81
160 acre warrants per acre	81	86

DRAFTS AND CHECKS.

	Buying.
Drafts and Checks on Philadelphia	¼ dis.
Drafts and Checks on Baltimore	¼ dis.
Drafts and Checks on Boston	¼ dis.
Drafts and Checks on Cincinnati	¼ dis.
Drafts and Checks on Chicago	1¼ dis.
Drafts and Checks on St. Louis	¾ dis.
Drafts and Checks on New-Orleans	¼ dis.
Bank of England Notes ⅌ £	94 00
Bank of France Notes ⅌ Franc	16c.

SPECIE.

Silver.	Buying.		Buying.
Mexican Dollars	1 06@1 08½	Spanish Grs. each	23@ —
Spanish Dollars